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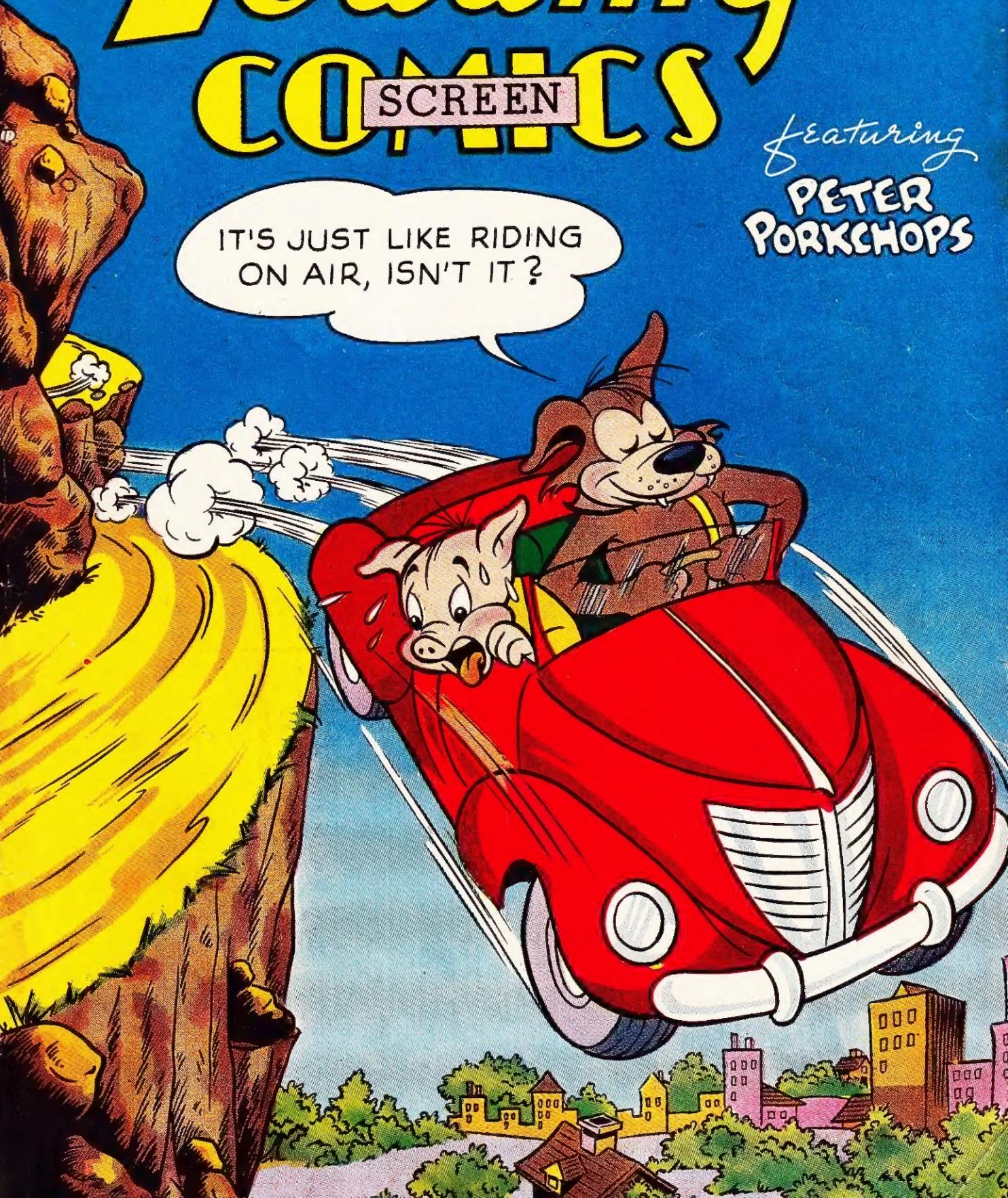
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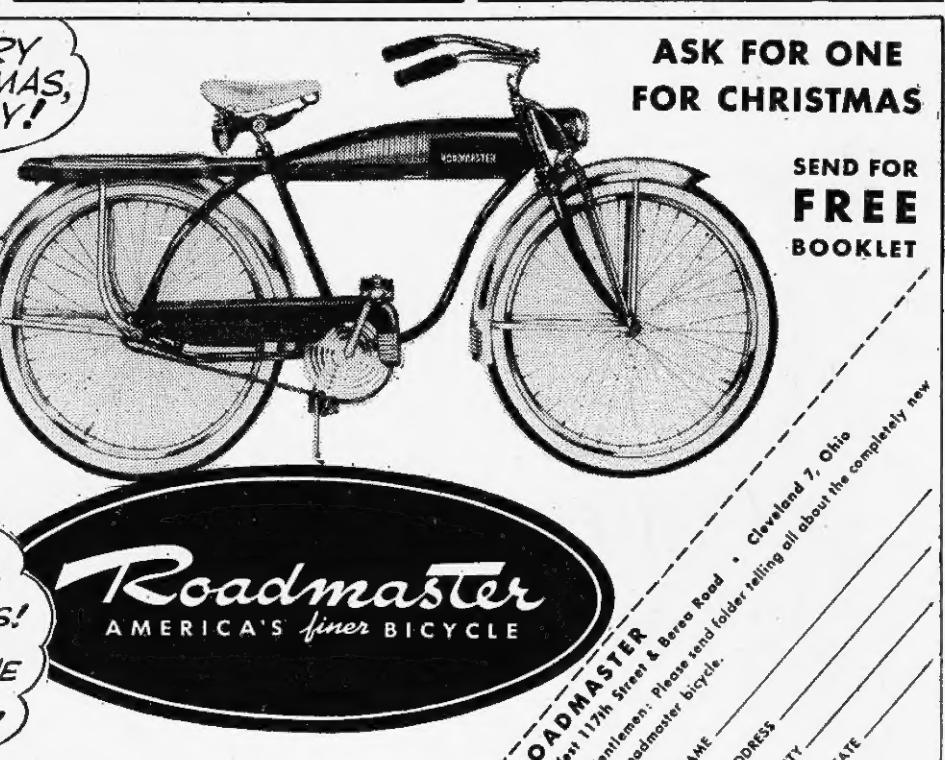
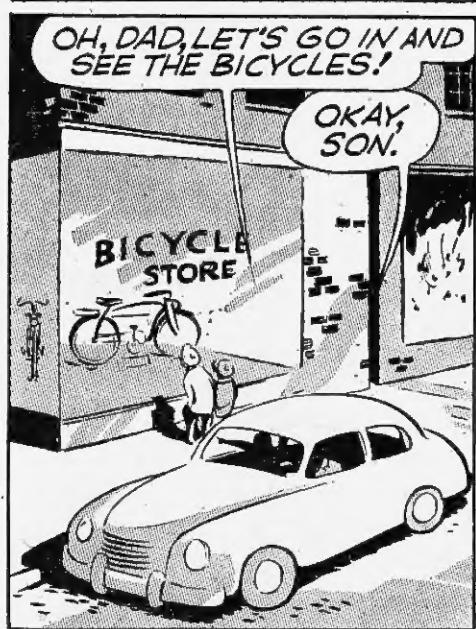
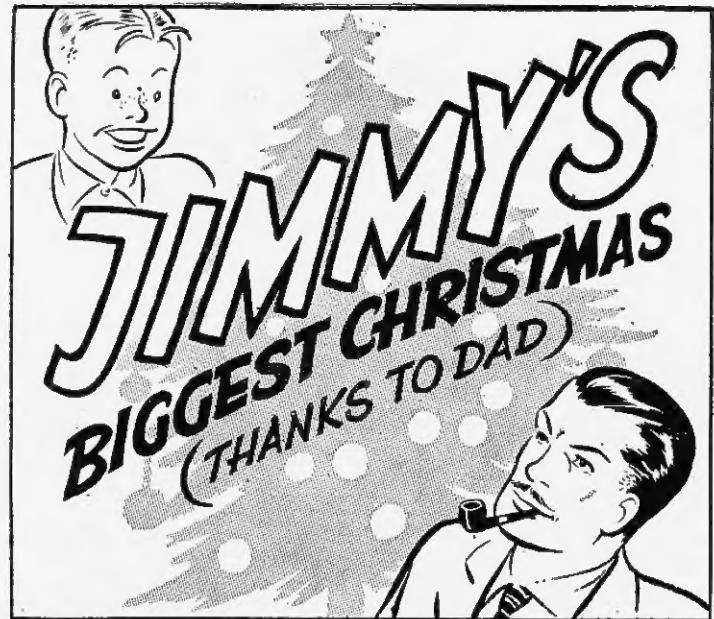
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SCREEN

IT'S JUST LIKE RIDING
ON AIR, ISN'T IT?

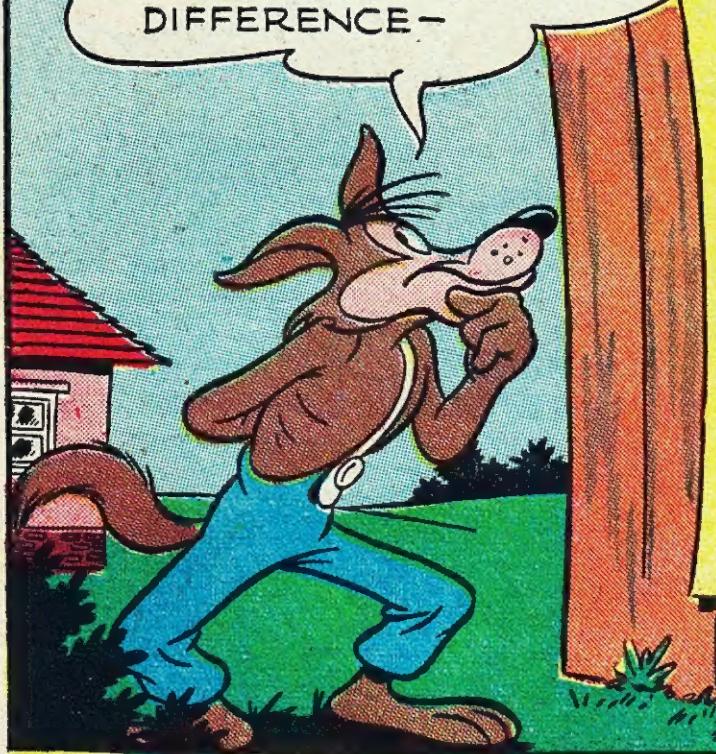
featuring
**PETER
PORKCHOPS**





PETER PORKCHOPS

HMM... AND ME WITH
ONLY TWENTY-FIVE CENTS! OF
COURSE, I COULD GET A JOB
AND **EARN** THE
DIFFERENCE—



CIRCUS
HERE



ADMISSION
ONE DOLLAR

—BUT WHY BOTHER WITH
WORK WHEN **BRAINS**
WILL TURN THE TRICK?!



HI, PETEY, OLD CHUM!
HERE'S A QUARTER!
YOU'RE GIVING
ME MONEY??
WHAT FOR??





I WANT YOU TO SELL ME SOMETHING!
ANYTHING AT ALL! I'M ON
A **BUYING SPREE!**

SORRY, WOLF!
THERE'S NOTHING I
WANT TO GET RID
OF!

NONSENSE! HOW ABOUT SELLING
ME ALL THIS LOVELY, BEAUTIFUL,
FRESH AIR AROUND YOUR
HOUSE?

WHY, WOLFIE—
WHAT DO YOU WANT
THAT **AIR** FOR??

WHO KNOWS?! IT'S JUST THAT
SUDDENLY I FEEL LIKE
BUYING THINGS!

HMM... IF HE'S GOING TO
THROW MONEY AWAY, I MIGHT
AS WELL LET HIM THROW
IT **MY WAY!**

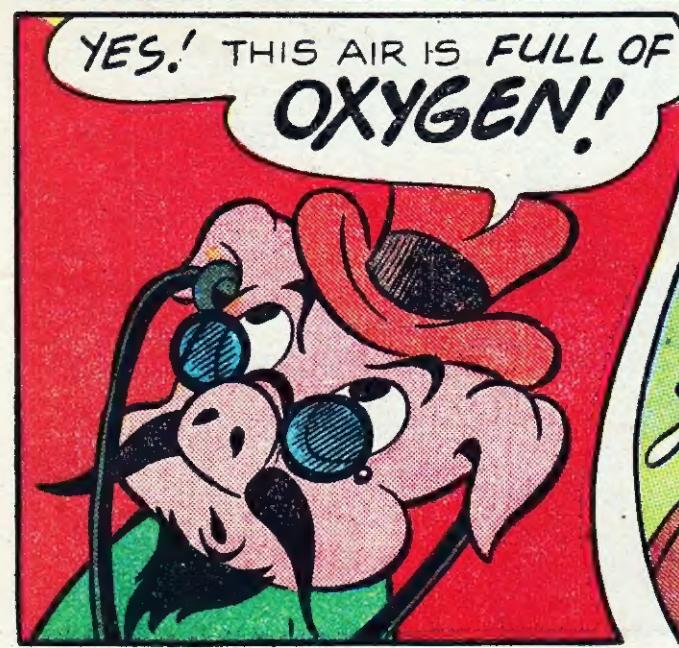
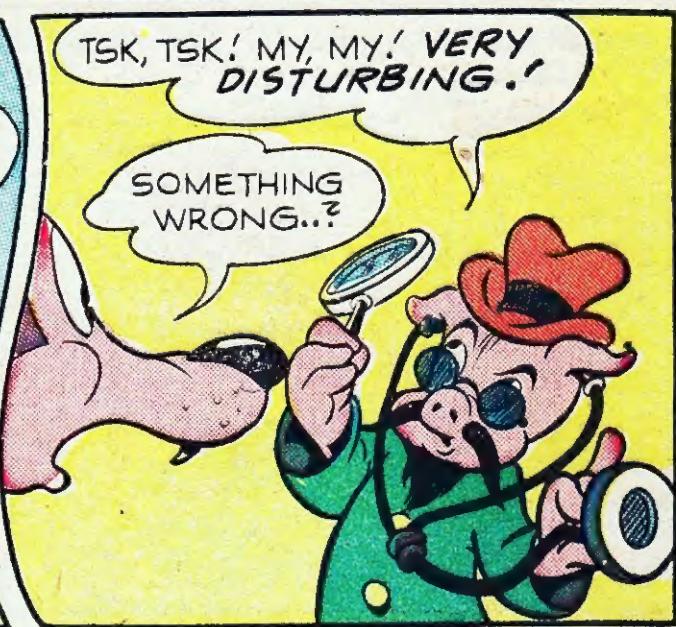
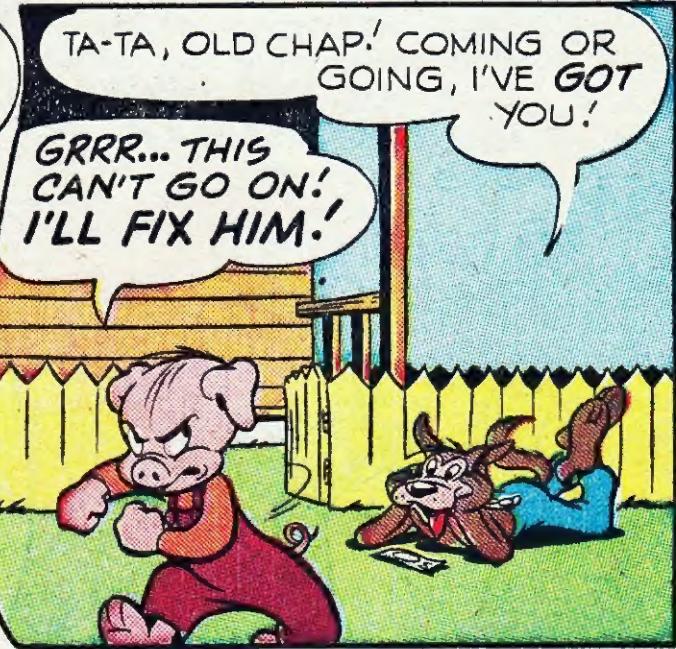
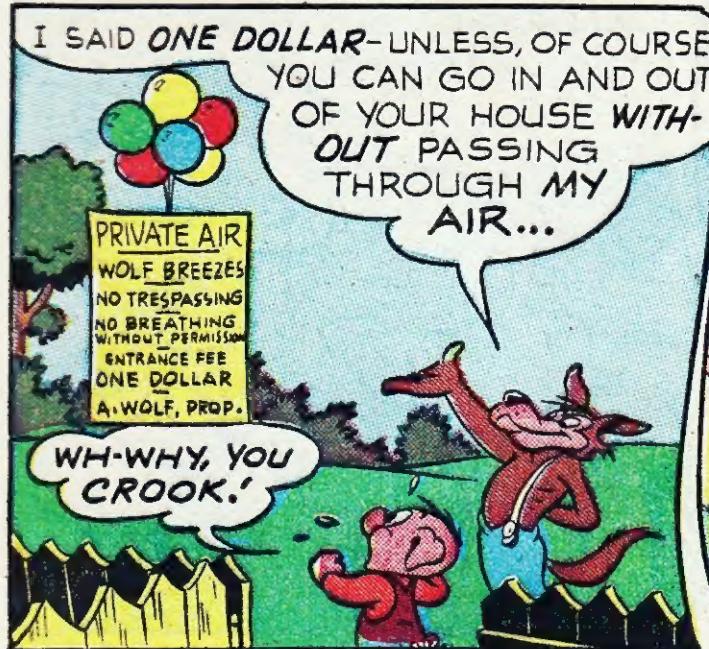
OKAY—IT'S A
DEAL! GIVE
ME THE
QUARTER,
AND ALL THE
AIR AROUND
THE HOUSE
IS YOURS!

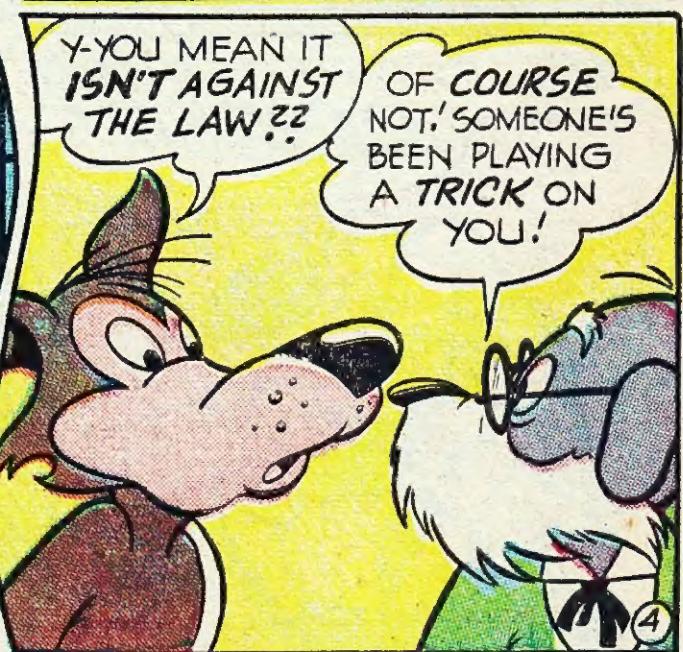
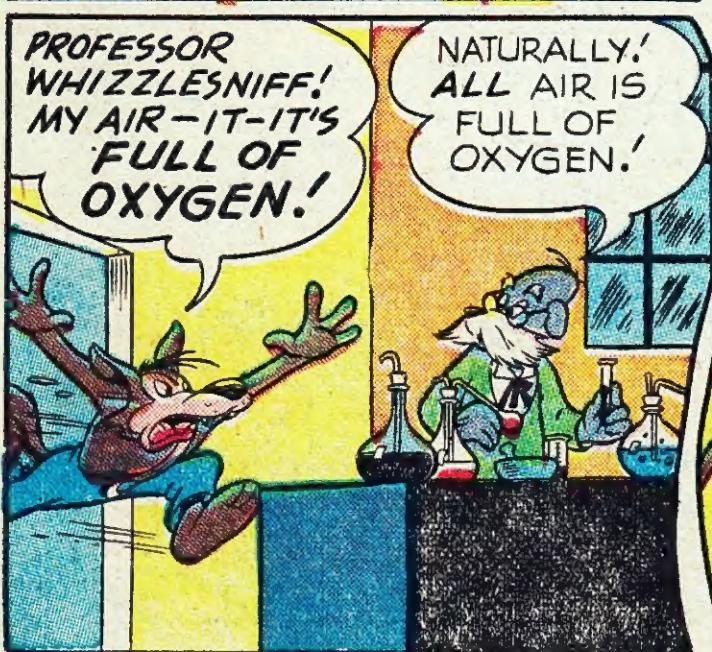
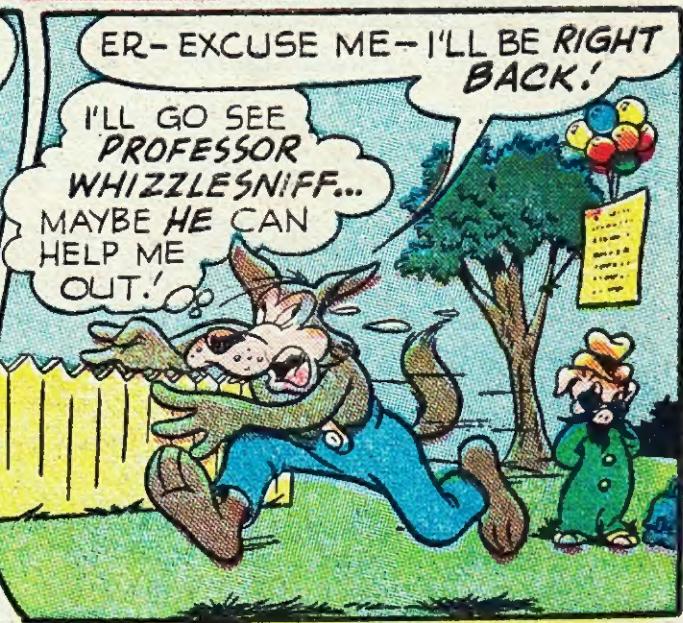
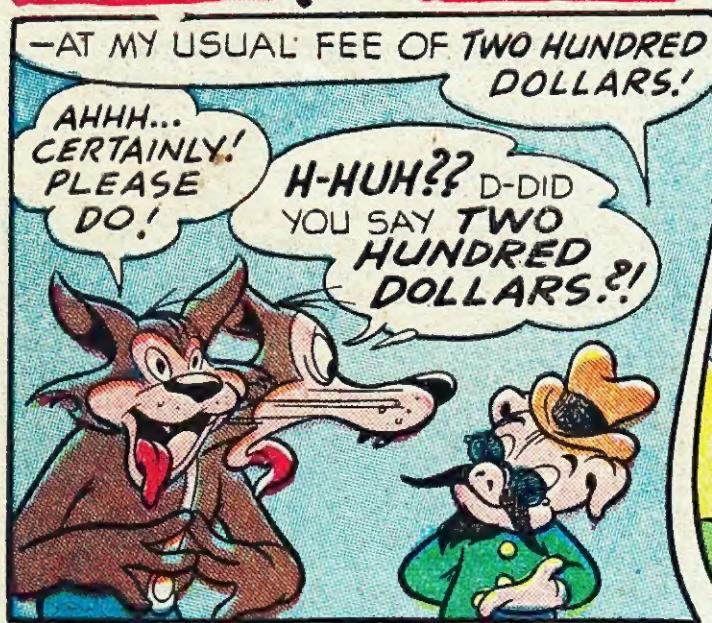
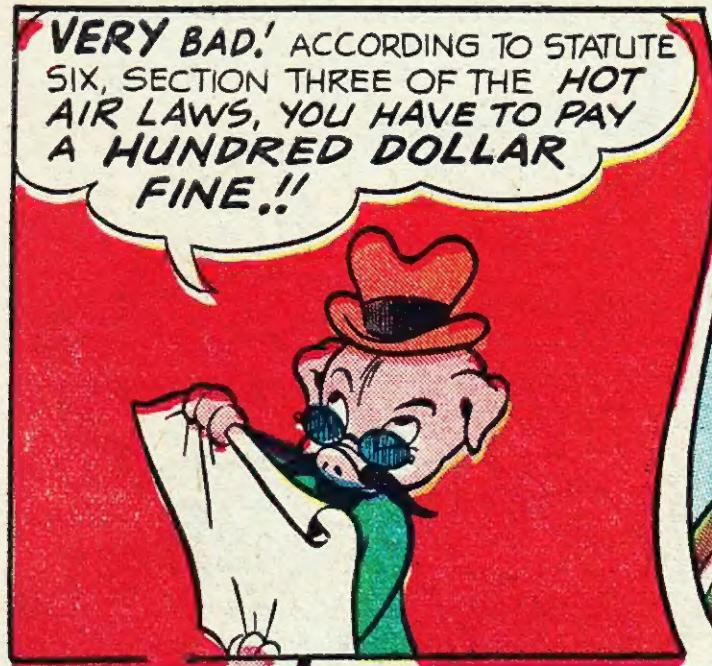
FINE! JUST WRITE
ME A BILL OF
SALE—TO—ER—
MAKE IT NICE
AND **LEGAL!**

SOMETIME LATER...

HI, YOUNG FELLOW! WELCOME
TO **WOLF BREEZES!**
THAT'LL BE **ONE DOLLAR,**
PLEASE!

H-HUH..?? WH-WHAT'S
THAT YOU SAY..??





NOW I SEE IT ALL! PETE'S AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS! I'LL SHOW HIM! I'LL TRICK HIM DOUBLE!



AIR INSPECTOR, EH? JUST FOR THAT, I'M RAISING THE FEE ON WOLF BREEZES!

B-BUT I HAVE NO MORE MONEY!



IN THAT CASE, GO OUT AND GET A JOB!

ENTRANCE FEE
~~ONE DOLLAR~~
TWO DOLLARS
A. WOLF, PR



HE WON'T TRICK ME AGAIN! NO ONE GETS INTO THIS HOUSE WITHOUT PAYING!



HE'LL BE HOME ANY MINUTE AND--

WHA--??
PETER!!

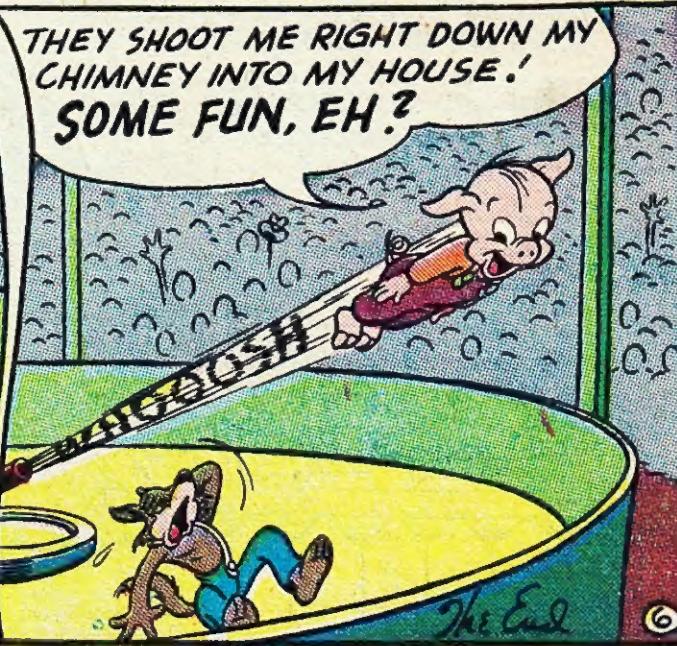
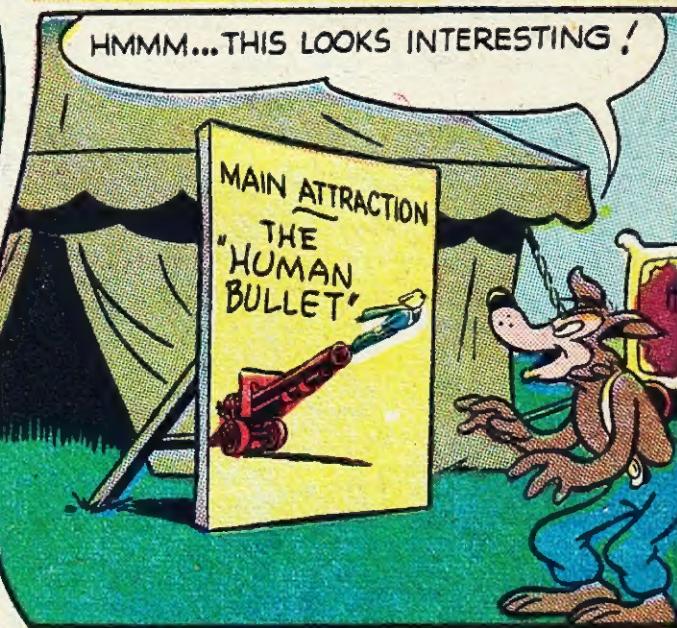
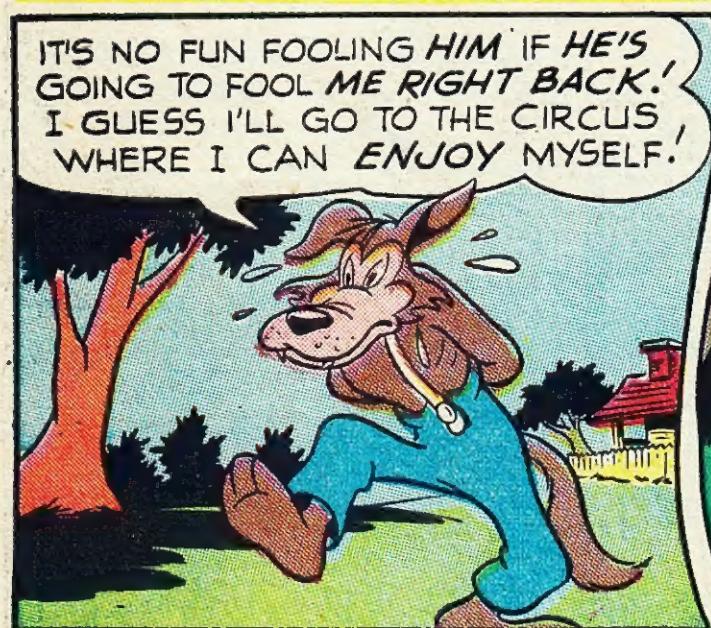
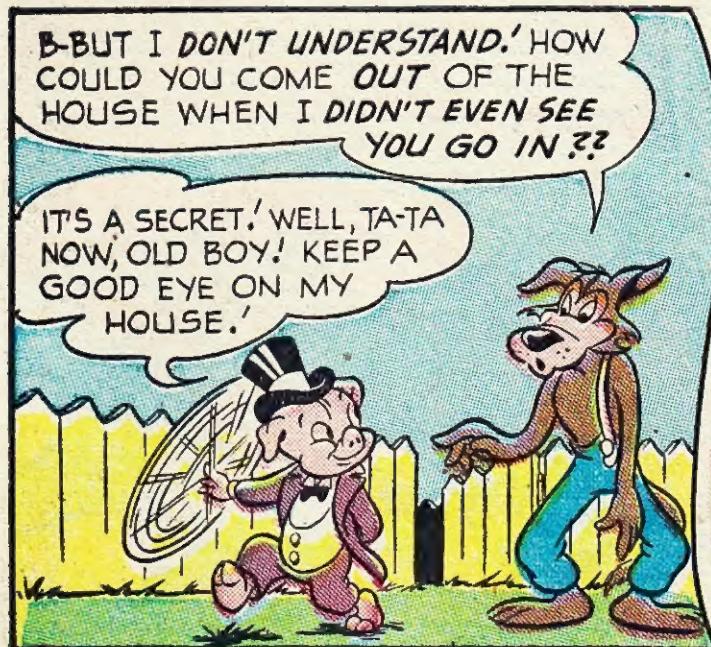
PARDON ME--ARE YOU THE GENT IN CHARGE OF WOLF BREEZES?



YES--TH-THAT'S ME--BUT--

FINE! HERE'S YOUR FEE, MY GOOD MAN, AND AN EXTRA DOLLAR FOR YOUR EXCELLENT SERVICE!





WOW! KIDS!

IM GIVING AWAY
10,000 OFFICIAL BAZOOKA
SCOUTING KNIVES!

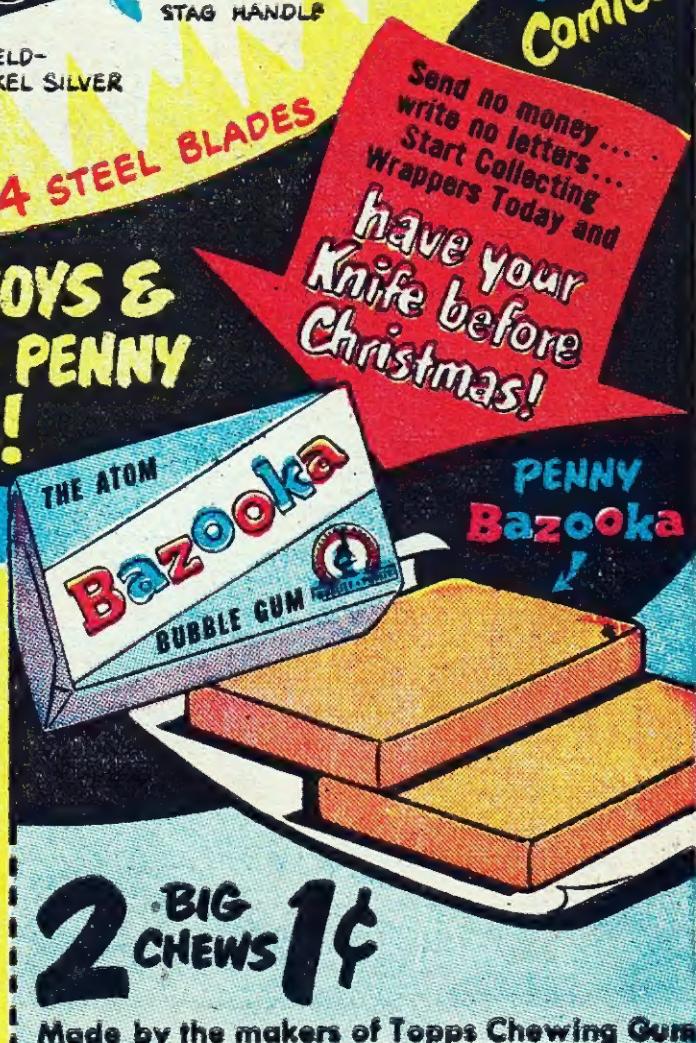
YESSIREE! IT'S THE KNIFE
YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED!
WHAT A GIFT!



TO THE FIRST 10,000 BOYS & GIRLS TO SEND IN 100 PENNY BAZOOKA WRAPPERS!

YOU CAN WIN my official scouting knife! Just follow these simple rules!

1. Start today to save the wrappers from delicious PENNY BAZOOKA Bubble Gum. All BAZOOKA wrappers are good for this KNIFE OFFER.
2. When you have collected one hundred of these red, white and blue silver foil wrappers, put them in an envelope, with your name and address on a slip of paper inside.
3. Mail to BAZOOKA, Dept. RB, Box 100, Brooklyn 32, N. Y. The first 10,000 entries received in this prize award will win my BAZOOKA Scouting Knife. Entries judged by the date and hour of the postmark on your letter to give everybody, everywhere the same chance. Duplicate prizes in case of ties.
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THE CASE OF
THE VANISHING
BUILDINGS

DASHIELL HAMMETT'S

Adventures of SAM SPADE

PUBLIC BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN BLOWN TO BITS.
POLICE SUSPECT ENEMY AGENTS. NOW PRIVATE
DETECTIVE SAM SPADE AND EFFIE, HIS
SECRETARY, VISIT THE STREET WHERE
POLICE HAVE LOST THEIR SUSPECT...

THEY LOST HIM SOMEWHERE
ON THIS STREET, EFFIE. LET'S
LOOK AROUND!



SAM SPADE ASKS:

CAN YOUR SCALP PASS THE
FINGERNAIL TEST?



TRY IT! SCRATCH YOUR HEAD
IF YOU FIND SIGNS OF DRYNESS
AND LOOSE, UGLY DANDRUFF
YOU NEED WILDRONT CREAM-
OIL HAIR TONIC, NON-ALCOHOLIC
-- CONTAINS SOOTHING LANOLIN



EFFIE SAYS:

SMART GIRLS USE WILDRONT CREAM-OIL FOR QUICK GROOMING
AND FOR RELIEVING DRYNESS
BETWEEN PERMANENTS. MOTHERS
FIND IT WONDERFUL FOR TRAIN-
ING CHILDREN'S HAIR



J. Rufus Lion

HEY, RUF! WHERE ARE
YOU TAKING THAT OLD
ORANGE CRATE?

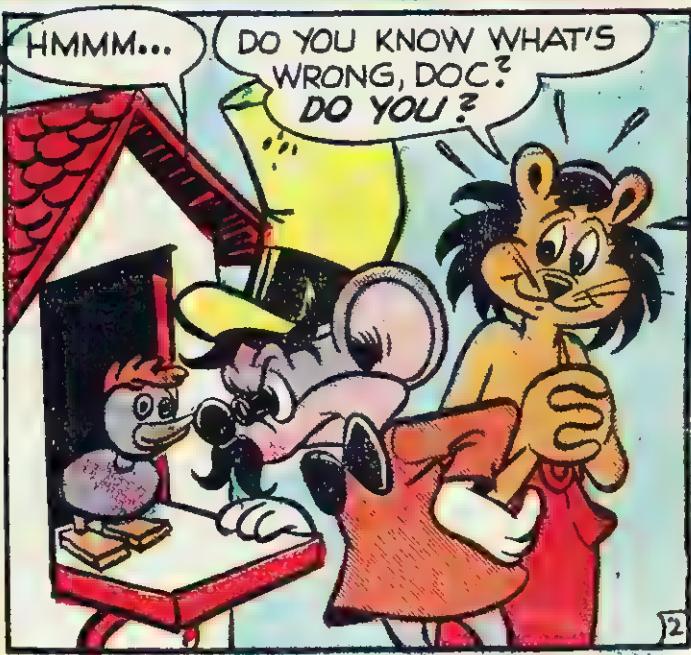
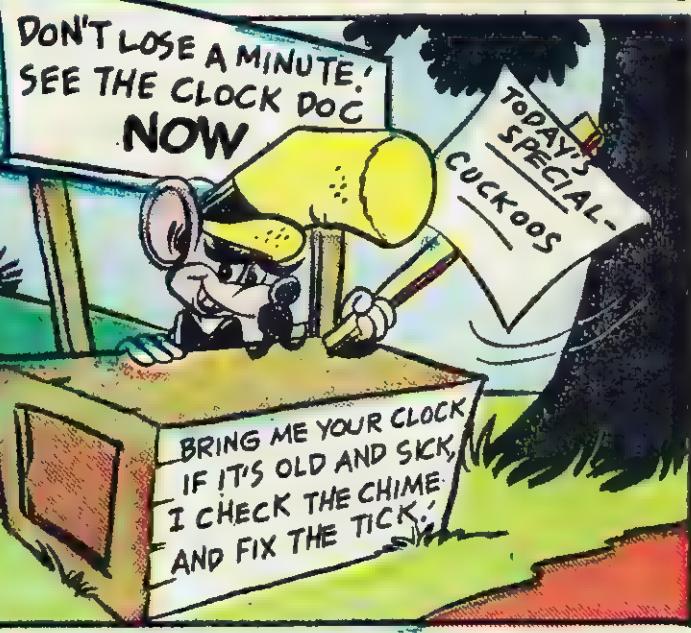
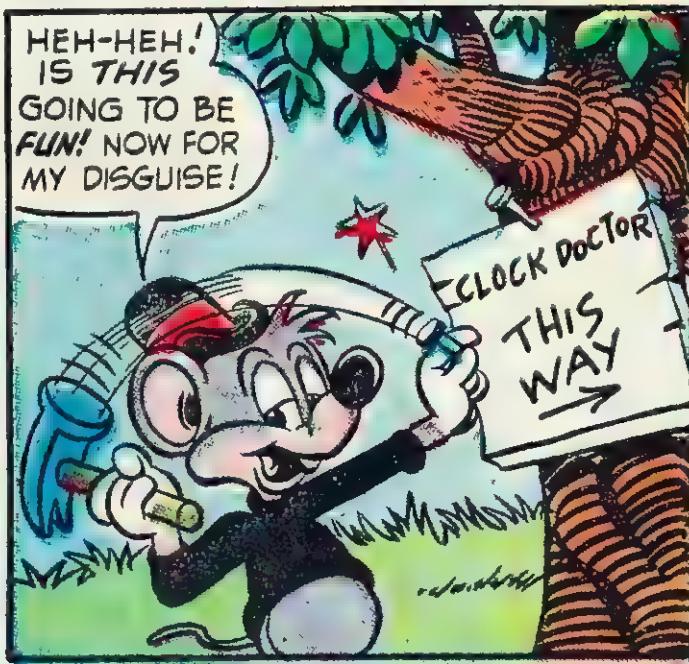
ORANGE CRATE,
MY EYE!

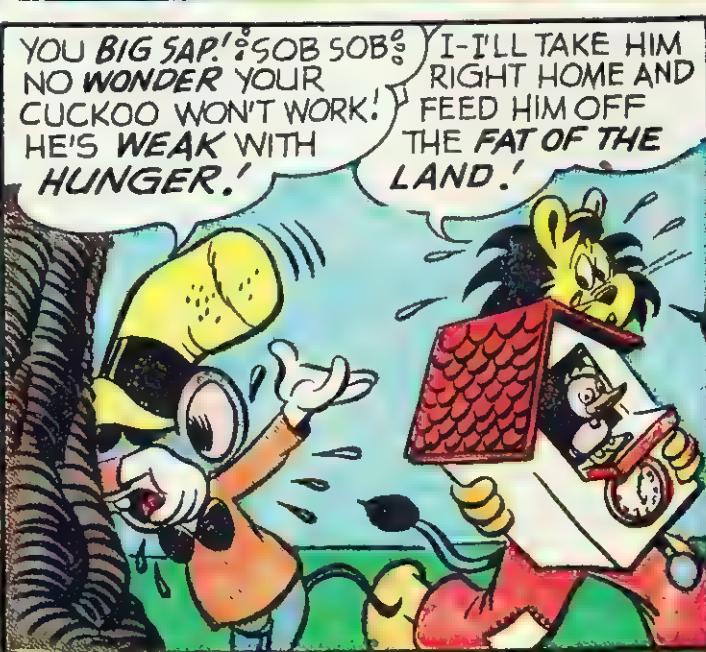
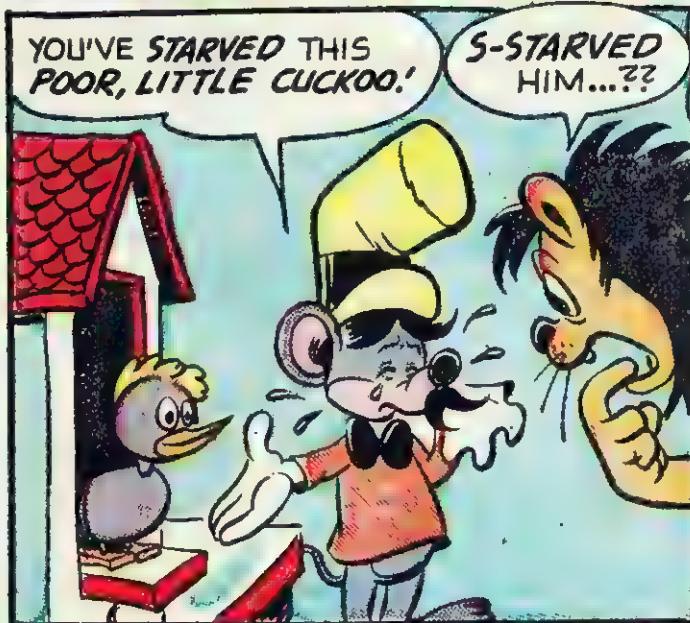
TEN THOUSAND
WAYS TO
ANNOY
PEOPLE
By T.M. NASTY

THIS IS A
VALUABLE CUCKOO CLOCK!
I'M TAKING IT TO BE FIXED!

YOU KNOW--HE'S GOT THAT
ALL WRONG! A LITTLE CUCKOO
BIRD TELLS ME IT'S HIM WHO'S
GOING TO BE
FIXED!

LEADING COMICS







YOU DO THAT LITTLE THING! WE CUCKOOS HAVE TREMENDOUS APPETITES! HEH-HEH!



HERE'S WHERE THIS BIRD GETS THE BIRD!



SOON... HERE YOU ARE, MY LITTLE FLEDGLING!

OH, BOY-ER
--I MEAN--
CUCKOO!



SEE? I MADE SOME BOILED BIRDSEED AND LETTUCE FOR YOU. DOESN'T IT LOOK DELICIOUS?

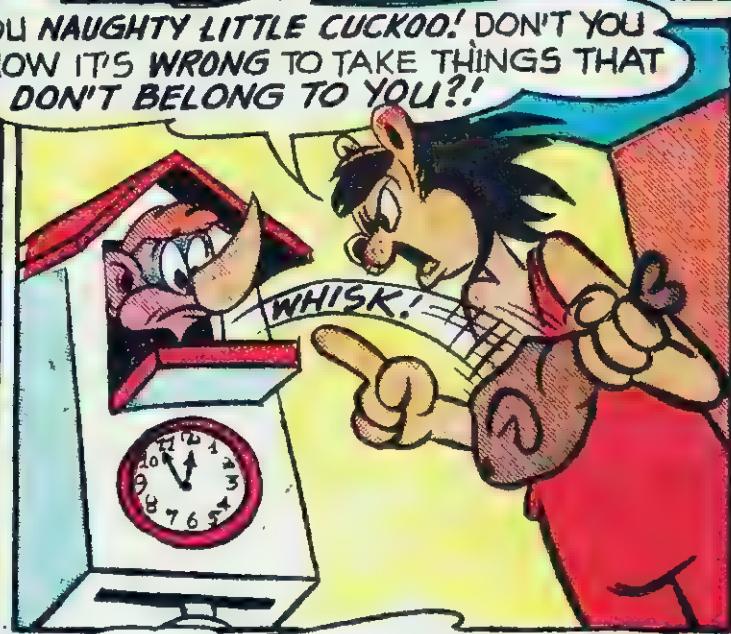


--AND WHILE YOU'RE HAVING YOUR DINNER, I'LL HAVE MINE!



CHICKEN FOR HIM AND CHICKEN FEED FOR ME, EH? I'LL FIX THAT!





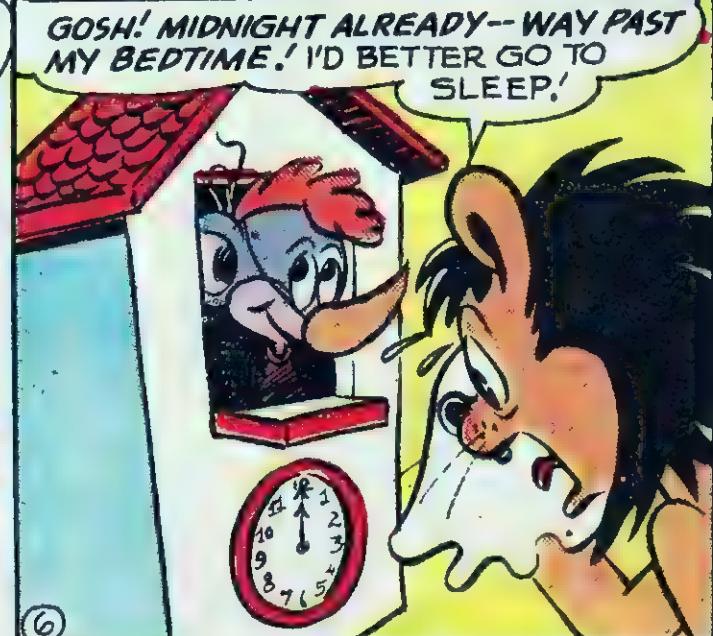
BUT WAIT A SECOND! WHY WAIT FOR TIME TO PASS WHEN I CAN MAKE IT PASS AS QUICKLY AS I WANT!

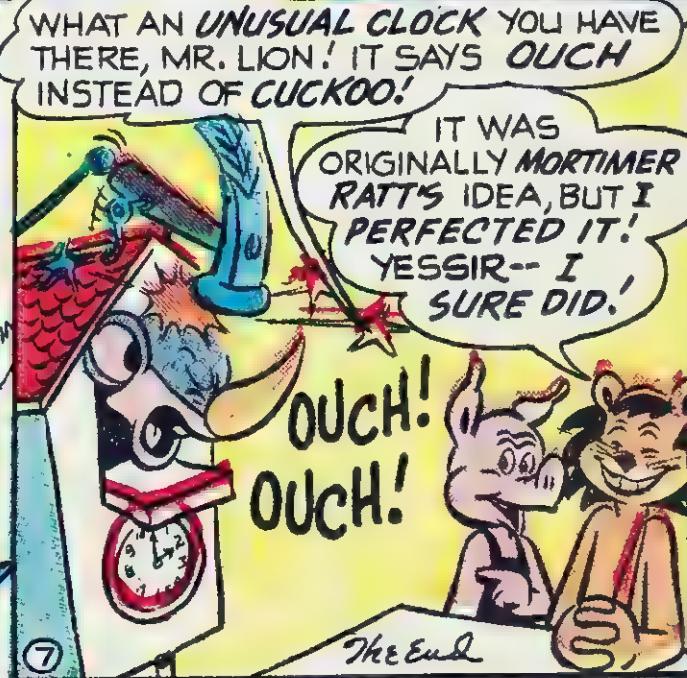
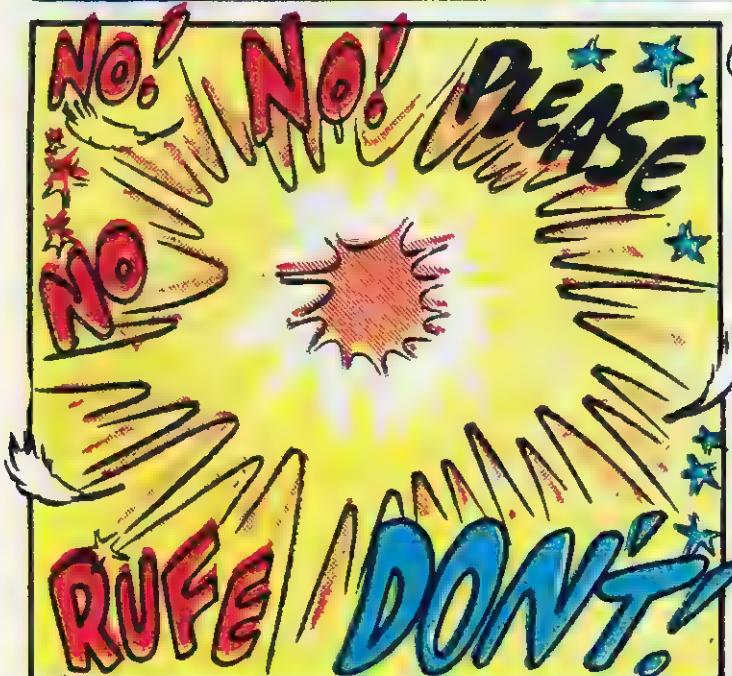


MY GOODNESS! ONE O'CLOCK ALREADY!!! I'LL HAVE TO HURRY WITH MY WORK!



THREE O'CLOCK-FOUR O'CLOCK! H-HOW TIME FLIES! I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO GET MY WORK DONE! I MUST BE WORKING AWFULLY SLOWLY, TODAY!





It's Fun To Know

The AVERAGE HUMAN HAIR MEASURES ONE TWO-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY-MILLIONTHS OF AN INCH AROUND!



GEORGE WASHINGTON WAS NOT BORN ON FEBRUARY 22 OF THE YEAR 1732, BUT ON FEBRUARY 11! WHEN THE CALENDAR WAS REVISED IN 1753, HIS BIRTHDAY WAS MOVED AHEAD ELEVEN DAYS!



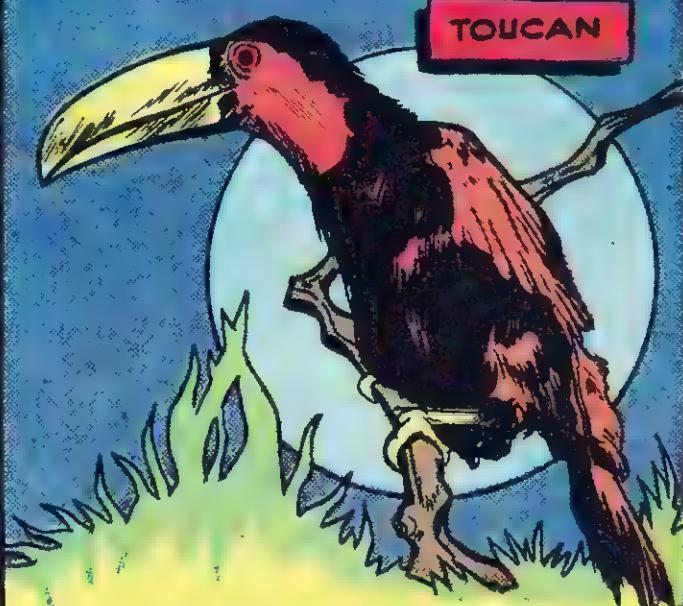
TWO SEVEN-LETTER WORDS CAN BE SPELLED FROM THE SEVEN LETTERS GIVEN BELOW. CAN YOU FIND THEM WITHOUT PEEKING AT THE ANSWER?



answer

RESTFUL - FLUSTRER

The BIRD Scrapbook



WHEN FEEDING IN GROUPS, THESE STRANGE BIRDS POST A SENTINEL. HIS WARNING, A SHARP SCREAM, CAN BE HEARD FOR MORE THAN A MILE. THE TOUCAN'S BIG BEAK IS ACTUALLY EXCEEDINGLY LIGHT, BEING HONEYCOMBED WITH AIR SPACES!

Most Sensational Tom Mix Offer Ever!

SEND FOR THIS MAGIC
MINIATURE OF MY
OWN SIX-SHOOTER.
READ BELOW ABOUT
THE TRICKS IT DOES!

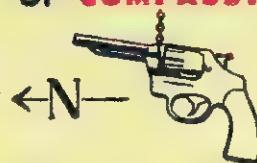


IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WATCH FOB,
BRACELET OR KEY CHAIN!



HIDDEN HOOK holds arrowhead on your belt above watch pocket.
Fasten special clasp to wear around your wrist.

IT'S A NEW KIND
OF COMPASS!



Dangle gun from chain and it
always points north. Find your
way at night, too! It GLOWS!

IT'S A SHRILL
SIGNAL WHISTLE!



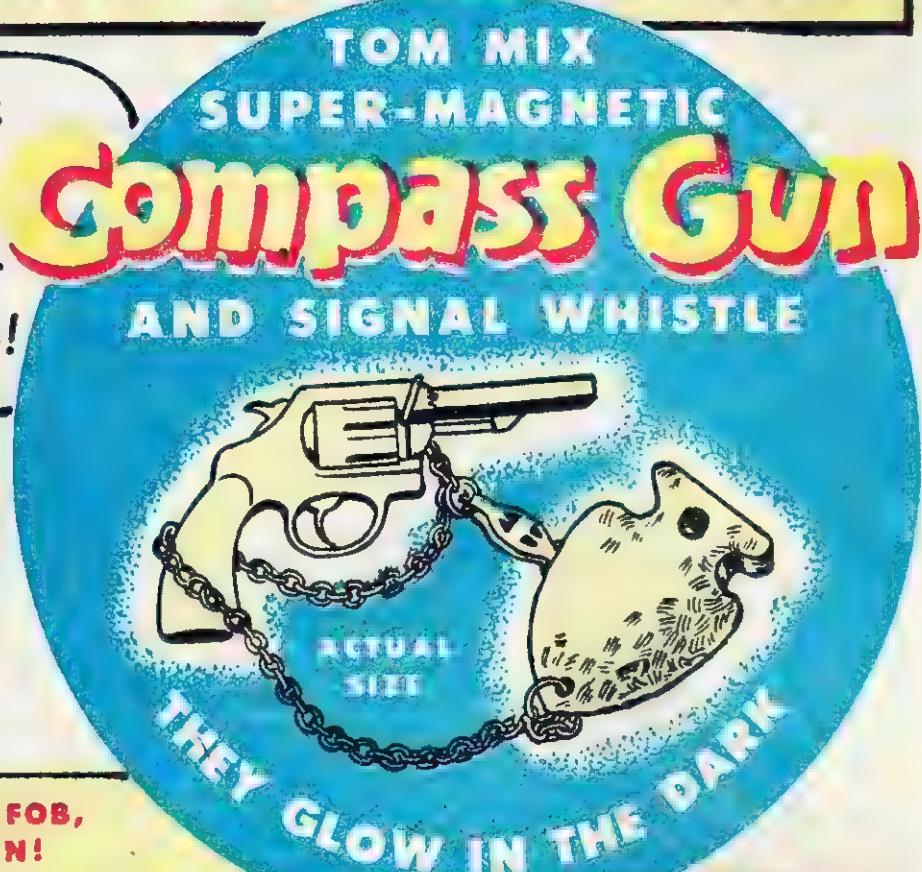
HIDDEN WHISTLE (in arrowhead) permits you to signal
friends, call for help.

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LITTLE MAGNETS YOU'VE EVER SEEN!



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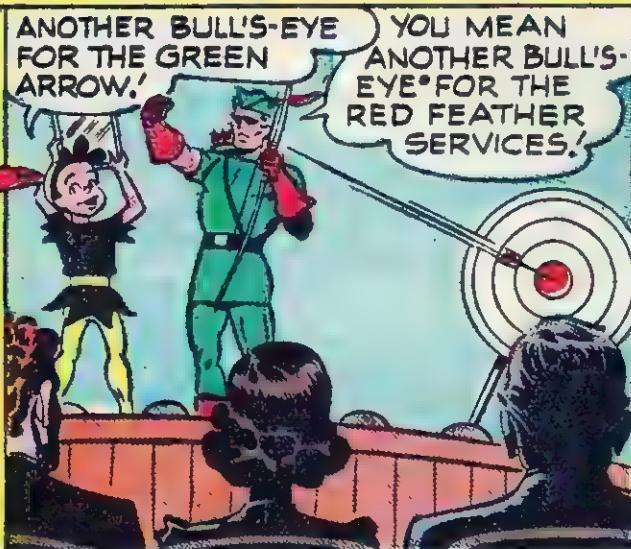
City _____ State _____

If you don't have coupon write name and address on Ralston
box top and mail with 15¢. Offer good only in U.S.A. and may
be withdrawn at any time.

Tune in **TOM MIX**

THE GREEN ARROW and the Red Feather Kid

IN A PACKED AUDITORIUM, A THRILLED CROWD WATCHES THE GREEN ARROW, WORLD'S FOREMOST ARCHERY EXPERT, DISPLAY HIS WIZARDRY WITH THE BOW AND ARROW...



ANOTHER BULL'S-EYE FOR THE RED FEATHER SERVICES!

I'VE DISCARDED MY USUAL GREEN-FEATHERED ARROWS AND USED THESE RED-FEATHERED ONES FOR A SPECIAL REASON -- TO EMPHASIZE THE **RED FEATHER**, A SYMBOL OF SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE AGES... LIKE THIS ONE THE RED FEATHER 'KID WEARS IN HIS CAP...



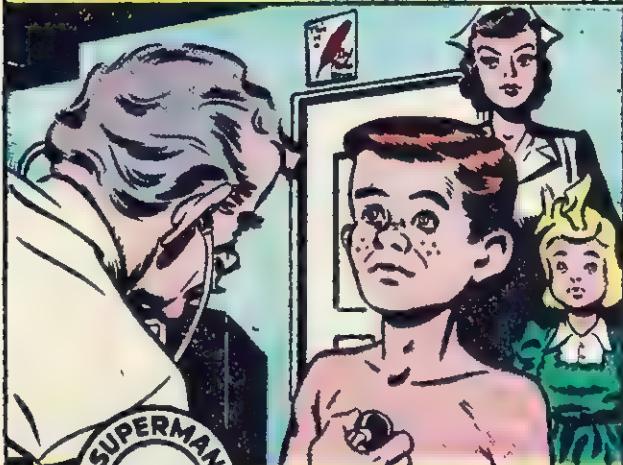
"HIS RED FEATHER IDENTIFIES THE VARIOUS SERVICES WHICH RECEIVE SUPPORT THROUGH COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGNS --SERVICES FOR SCOUTS, GIRLS AND BOYS CLUBS, THE Y'S..."



"...SERVICES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN DAY NURSERIES, SETTLEMENT HOUSES AND FOSTER HOMES..."



"...HEALTH SERVICES IN HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND CONVALESCENT HOMES..."



THESE ARE ONLY SOME OF THE SERVICES YOU CONTRIBUTE TO WHEN YOU GIVE TO COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGNS. SO GIVE GENEROUSLY!

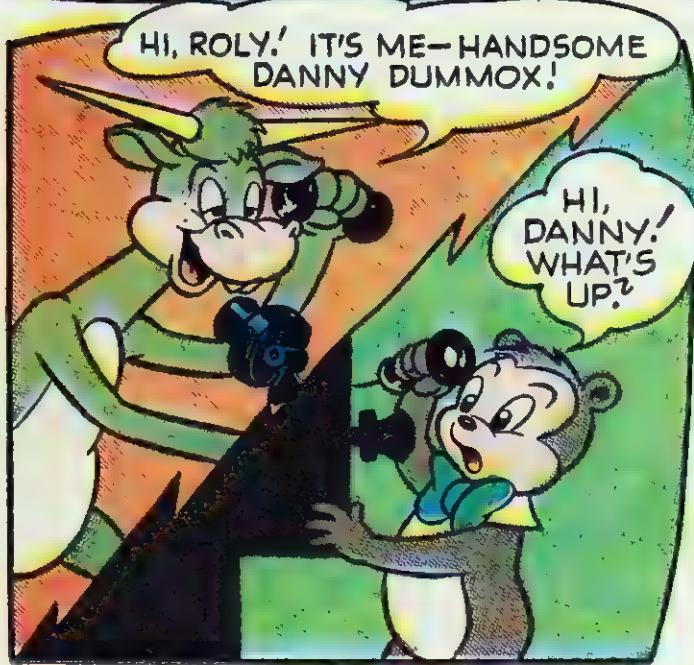
YES, SCORE A BULL'S-EYE YOURSELF BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE **RED FEATHER** SERVICES. REMEMBER, IT'S "A FEATHER IN YOUR CAP" TO WEAR A RED FEATHER!



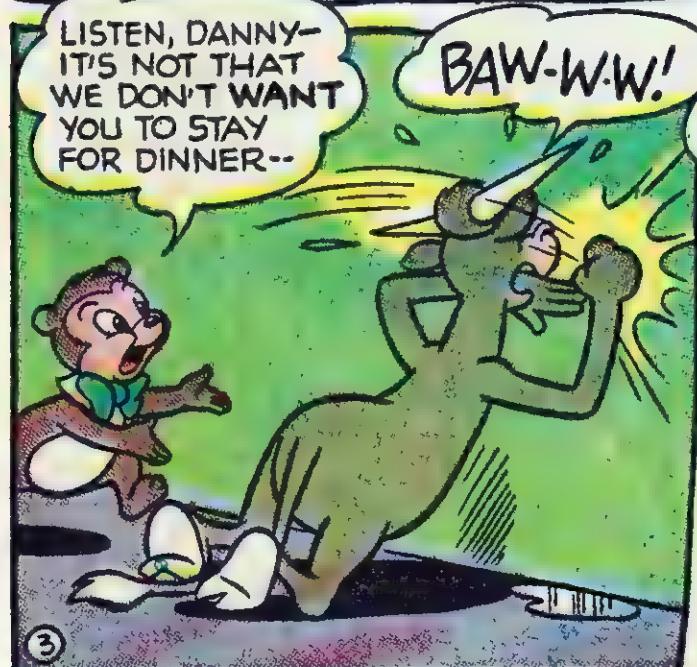
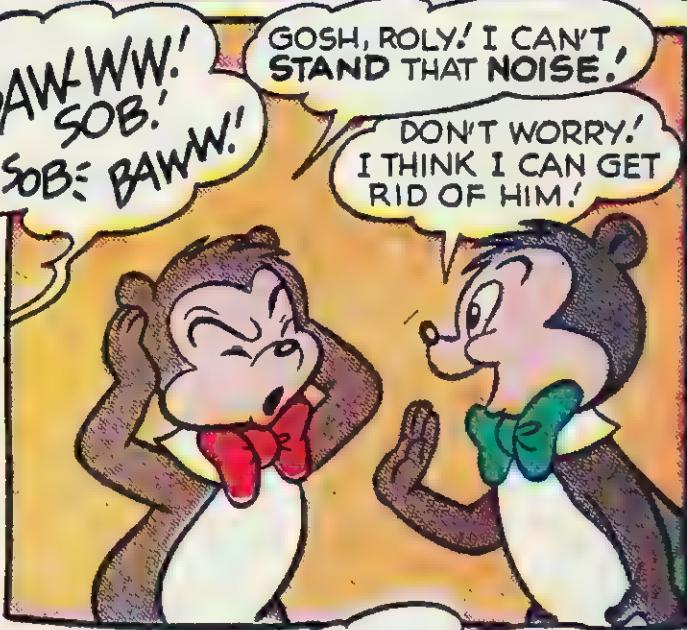
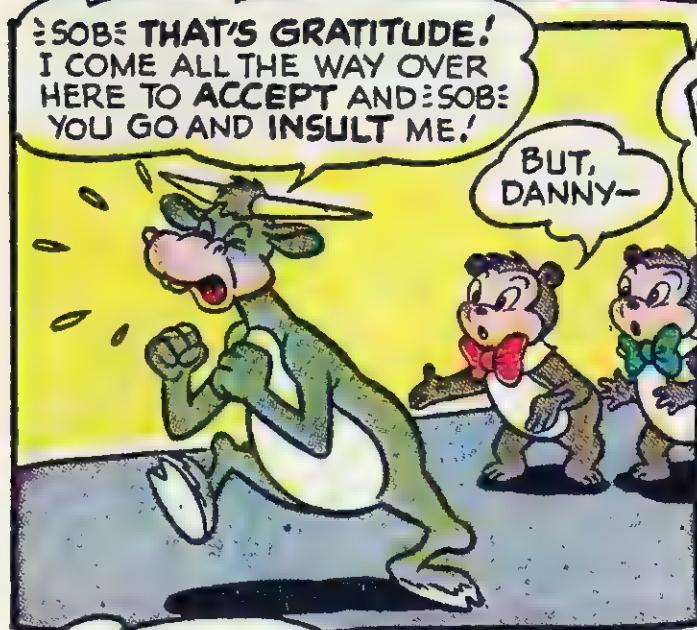
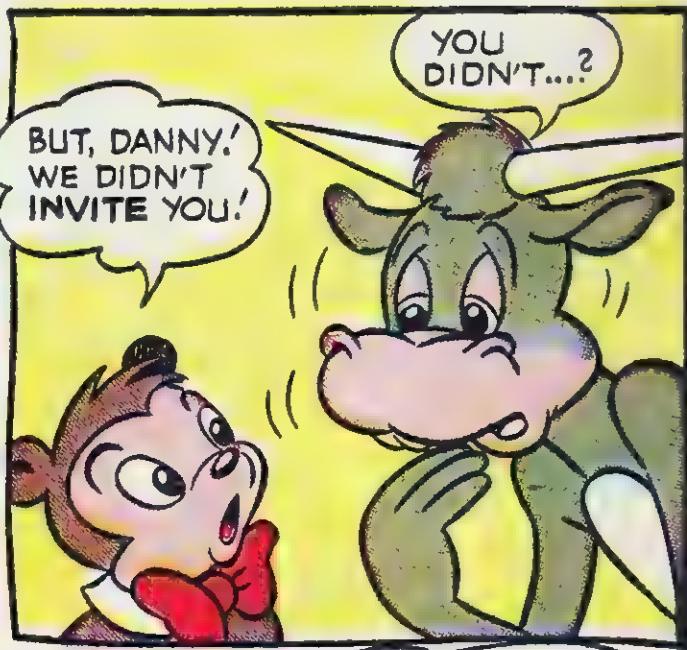
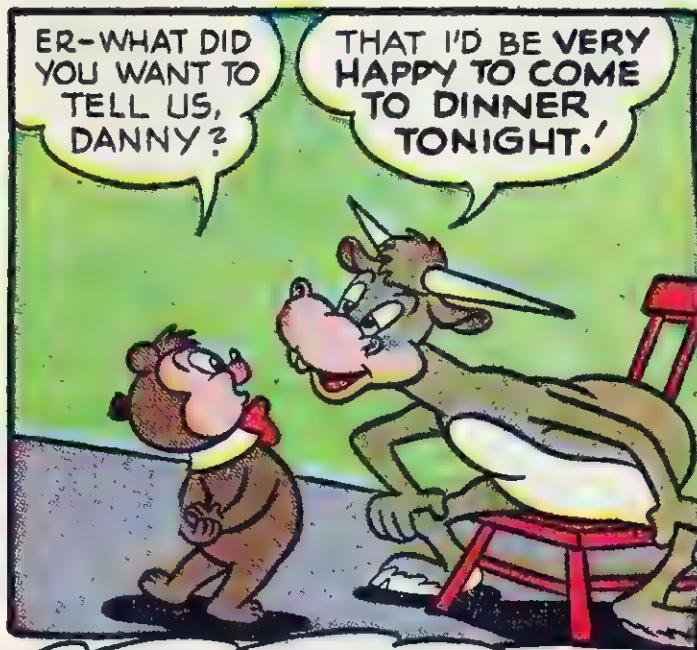
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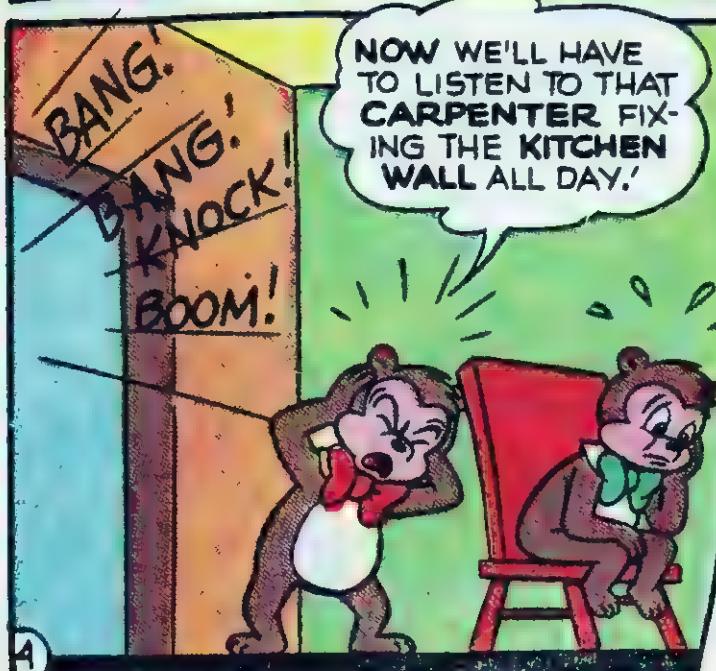
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ROLY AND POLY











OH, DON'T WORRY!
HE'S VERY LITTLE --

GOOD!

--FOR AN
ELEPHANT!!

THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!
WE'VE GOT TO GET THOSE TWO
BIG DOPES OUT
OF THE HOUSE!

BUT HOW?
IT WOULD
TAKE AN
EARTHQUAKE
TO MOVE THEM!

EARTHQUAKE?
OH, BOY!! THAT'S
IT!!

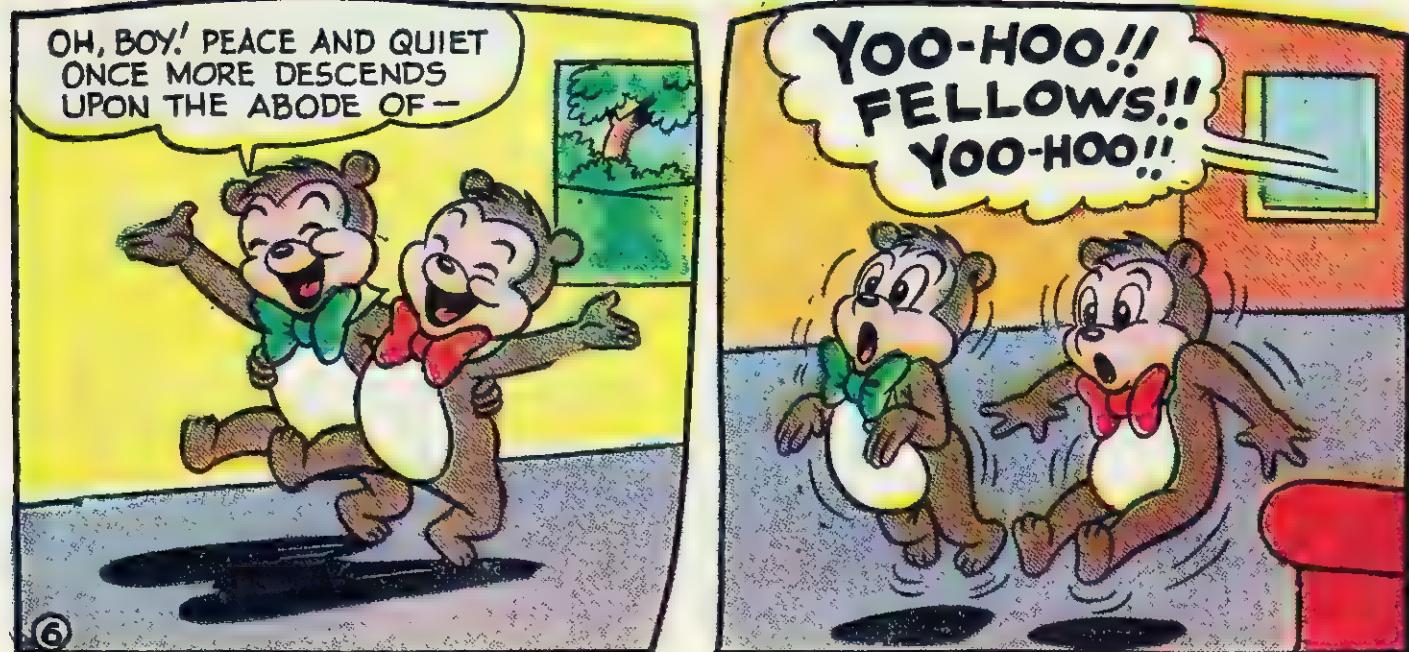
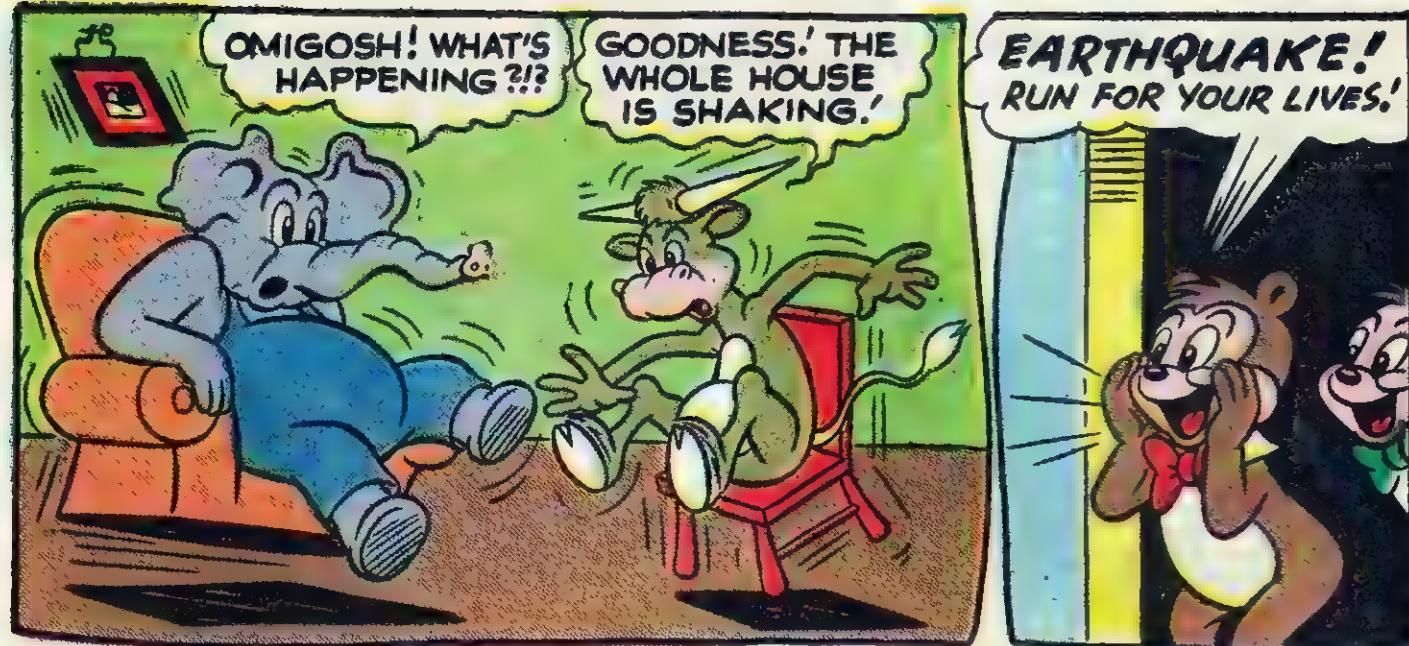
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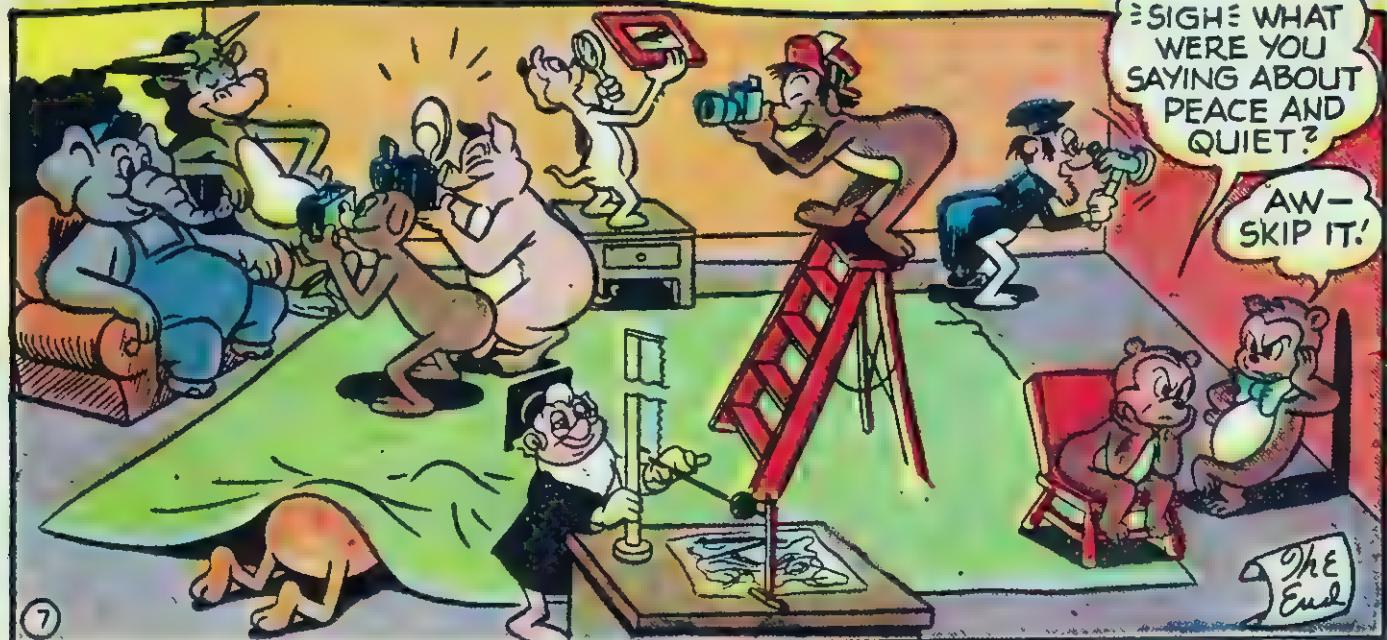
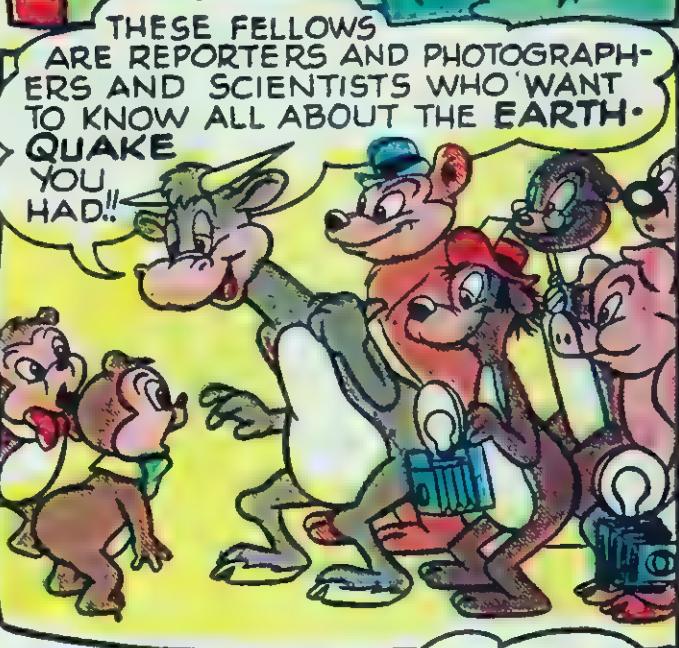
REMEMBER THE BIG
ELECTRIC MOTOR
UNCLE LOOIE BUILT DOWN
IN THE CELLAR? WHEN IT
RUNS, IT SHAKES
THE WHOLE
HOUSE!!

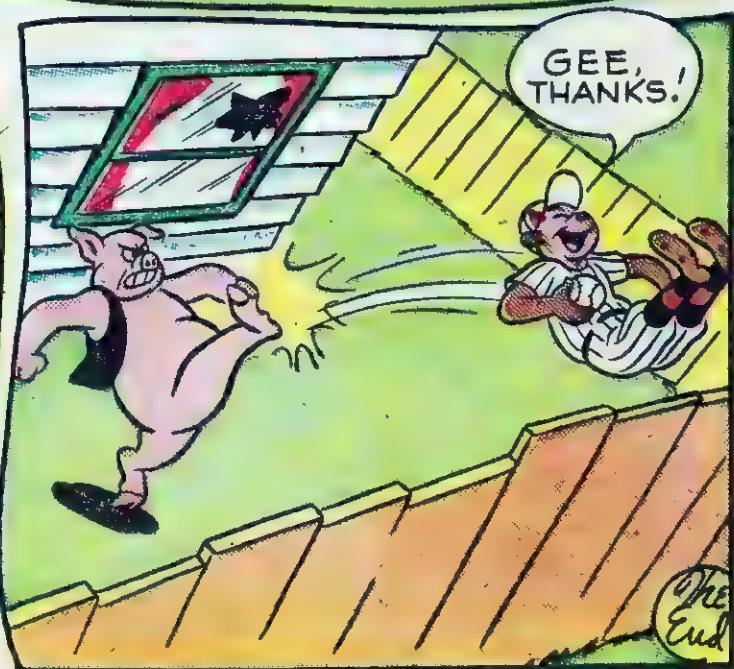
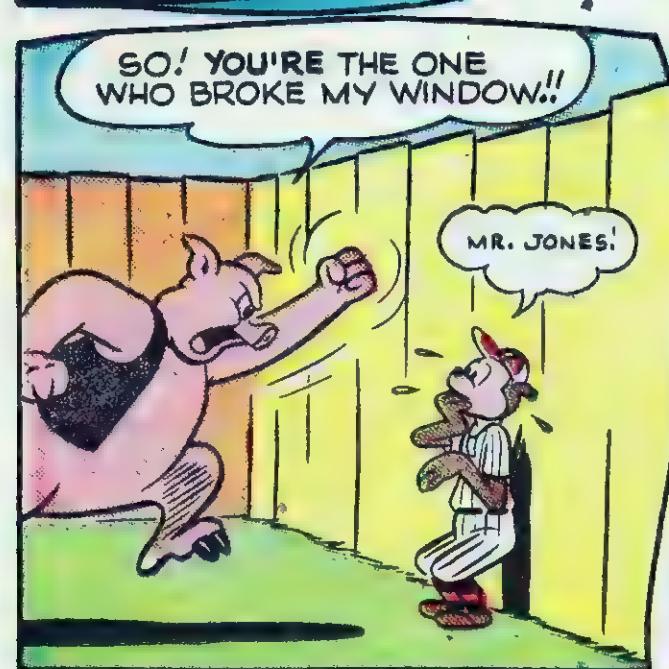
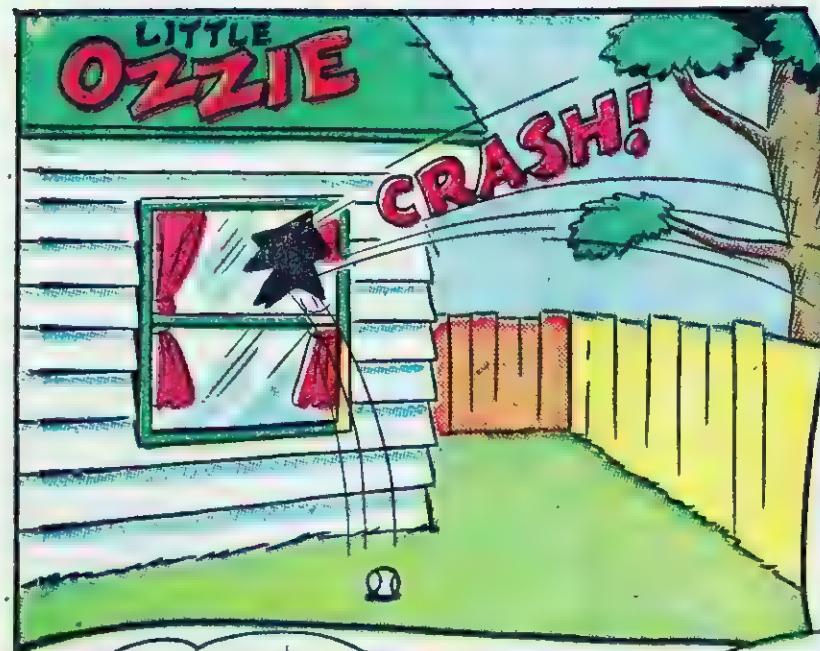
NOW
I GET IT!

OKAY—
PLUG IT
IN!

HERE
GOES!







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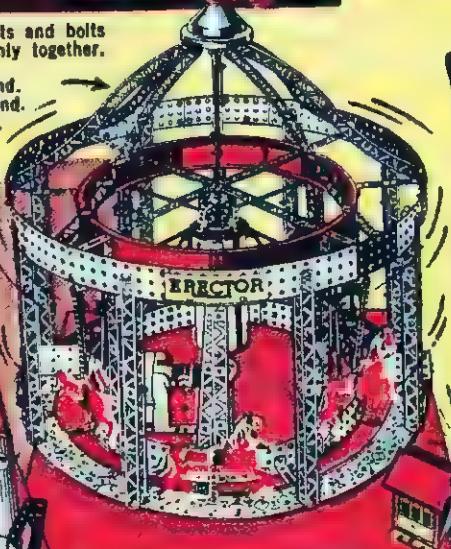
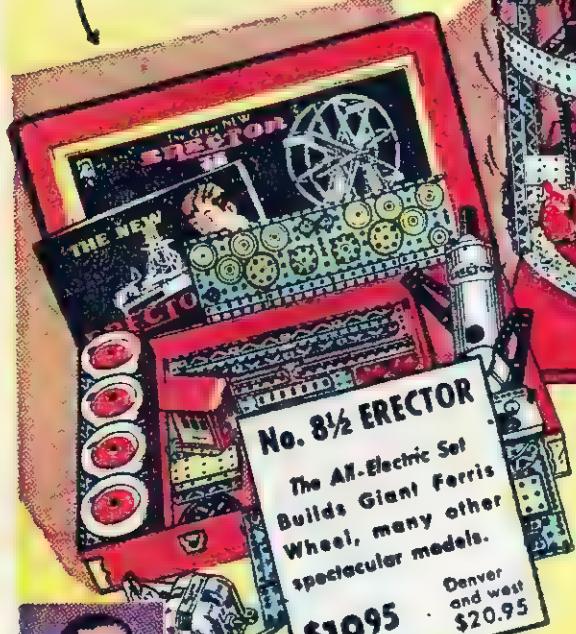
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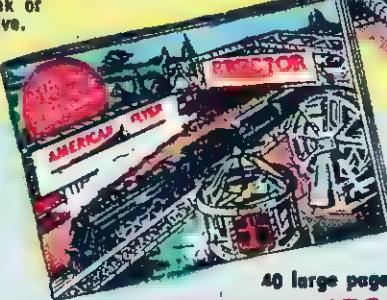
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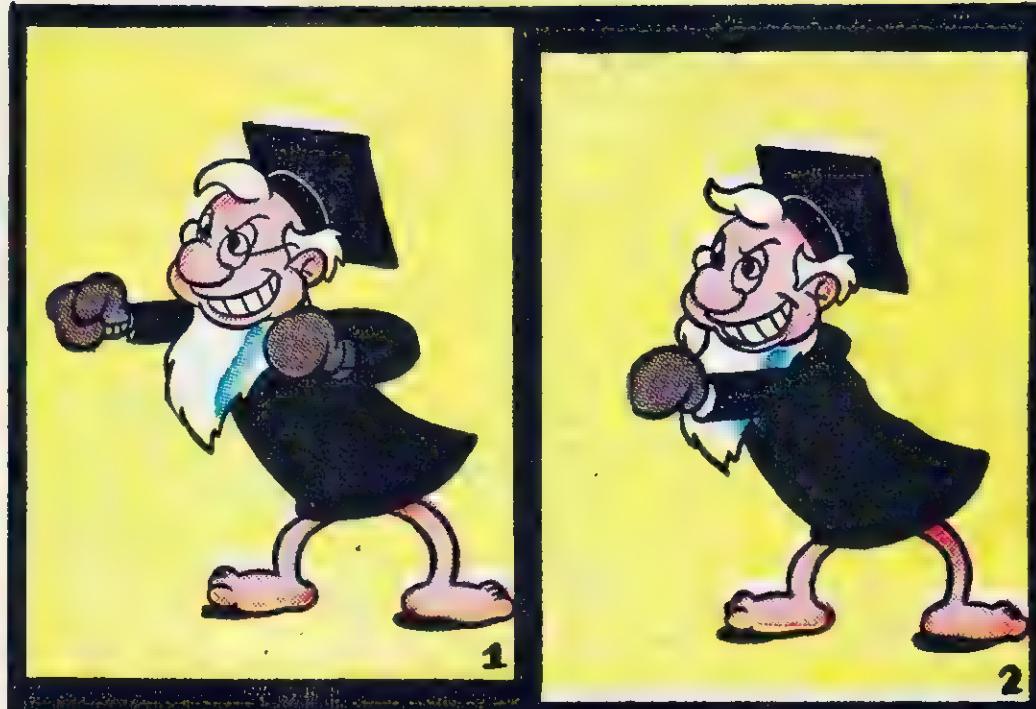


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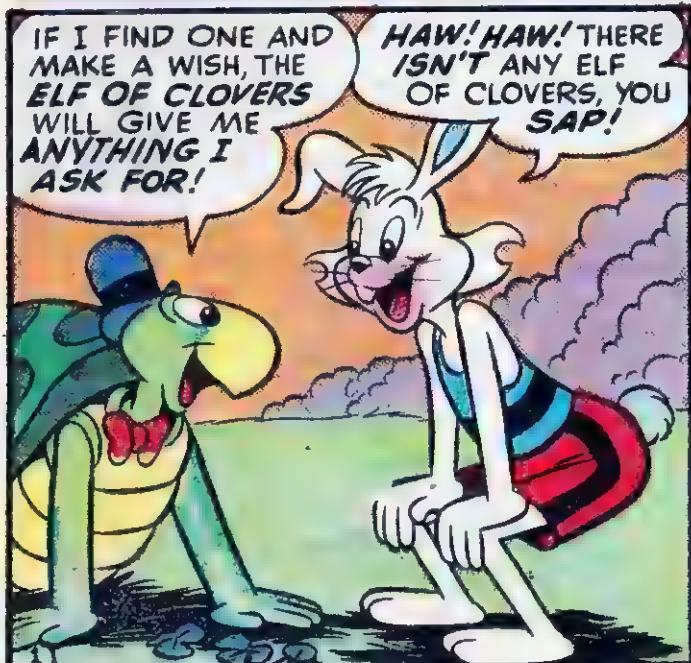
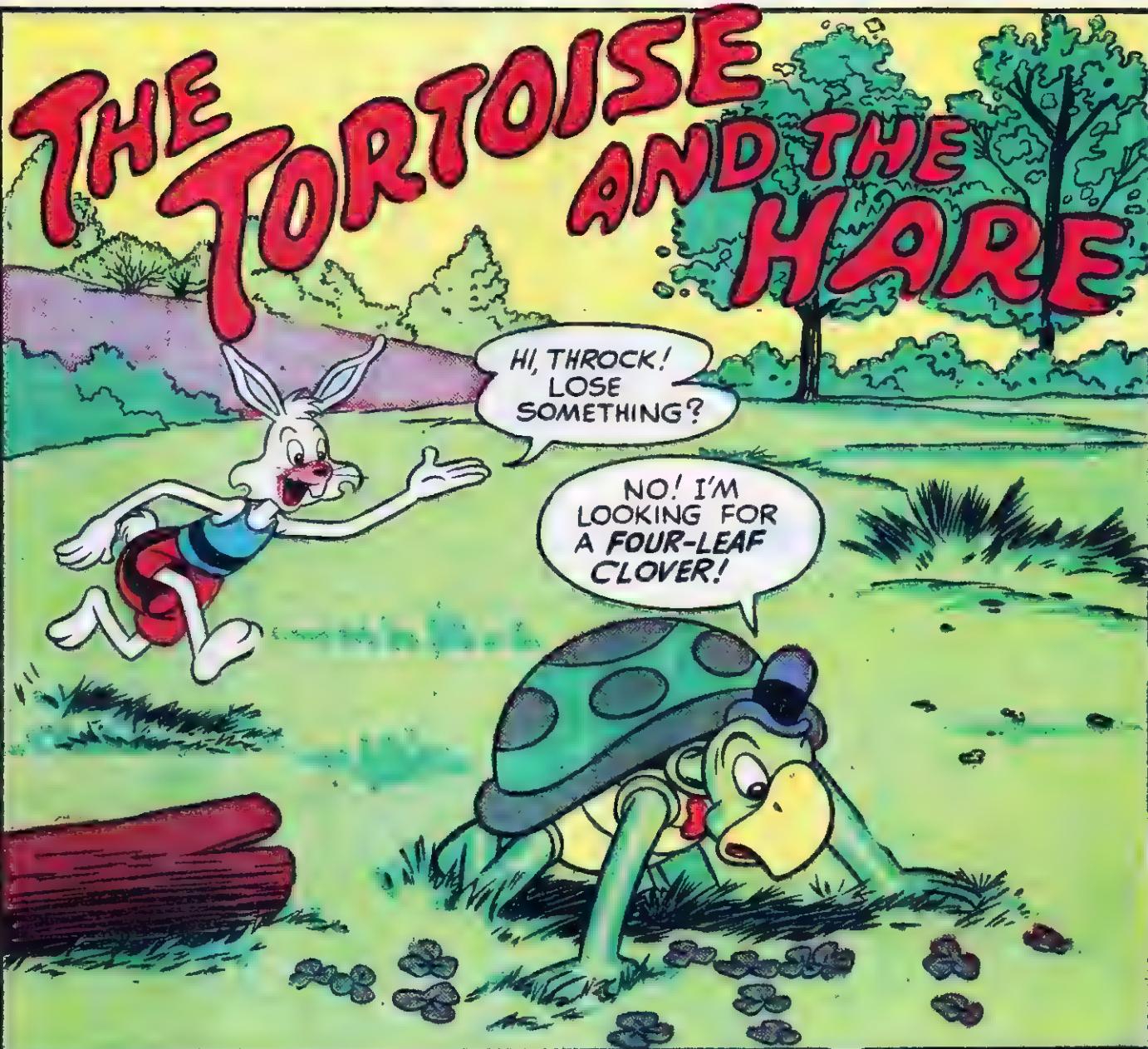
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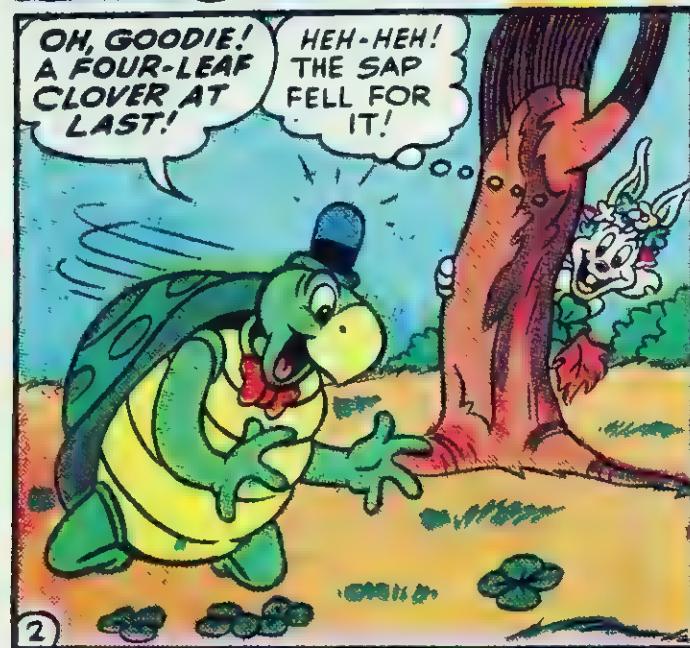
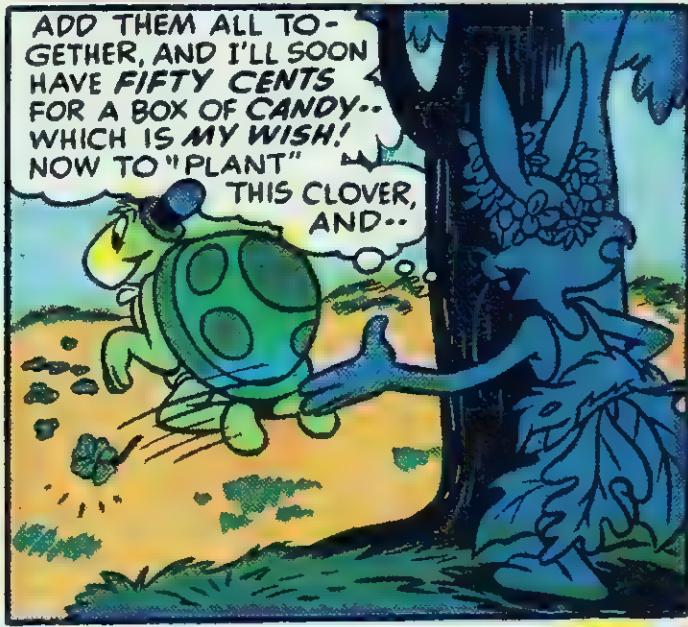
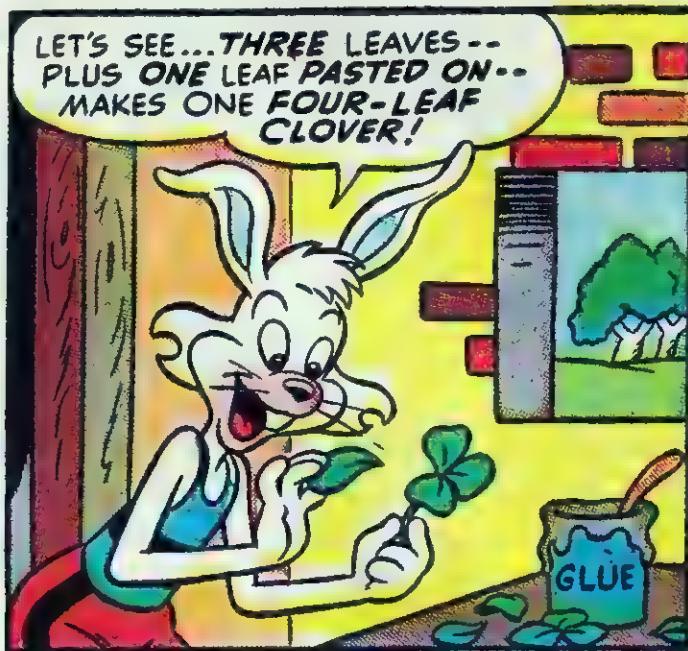
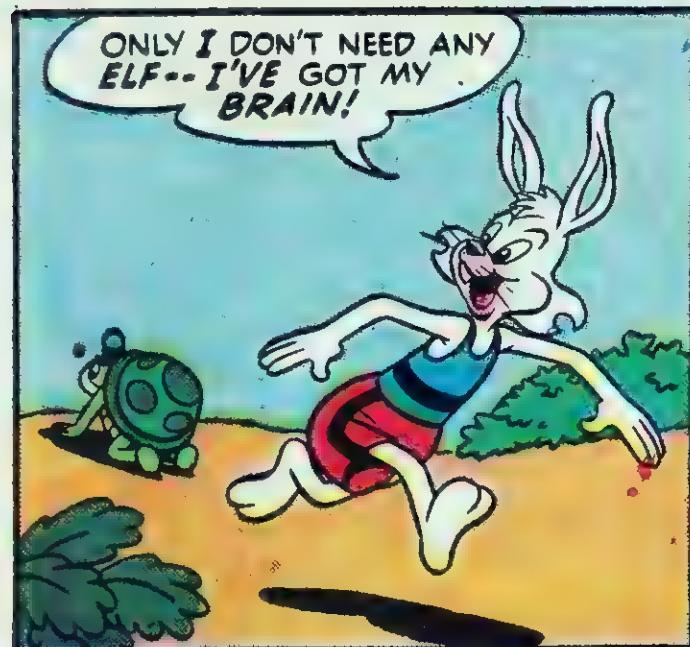
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RADIO!



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A QUICK
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AND--



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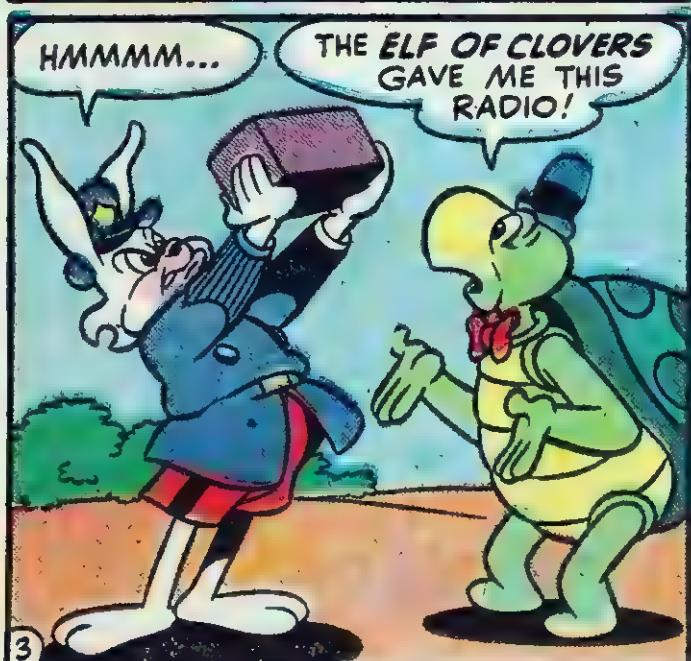
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LOOKS LIKE
THE ONE!

OH, NO! IT
COULDN'T
BE!



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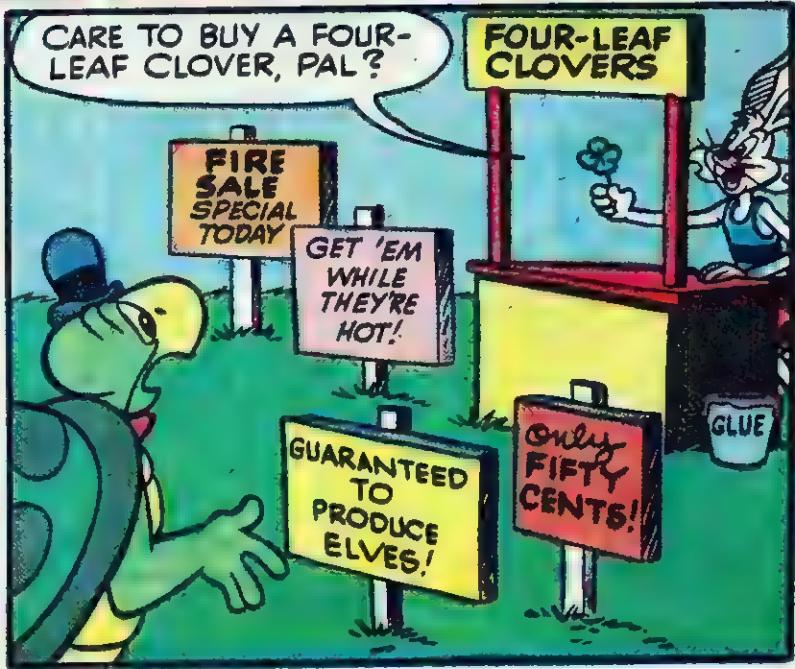
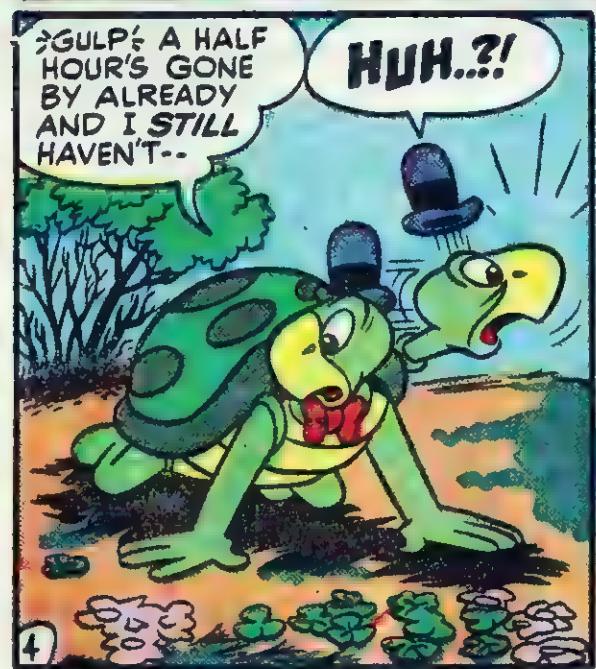
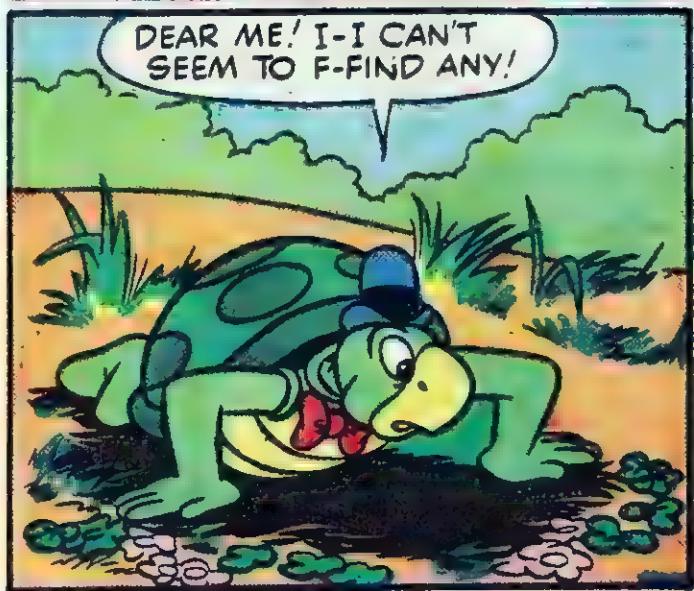
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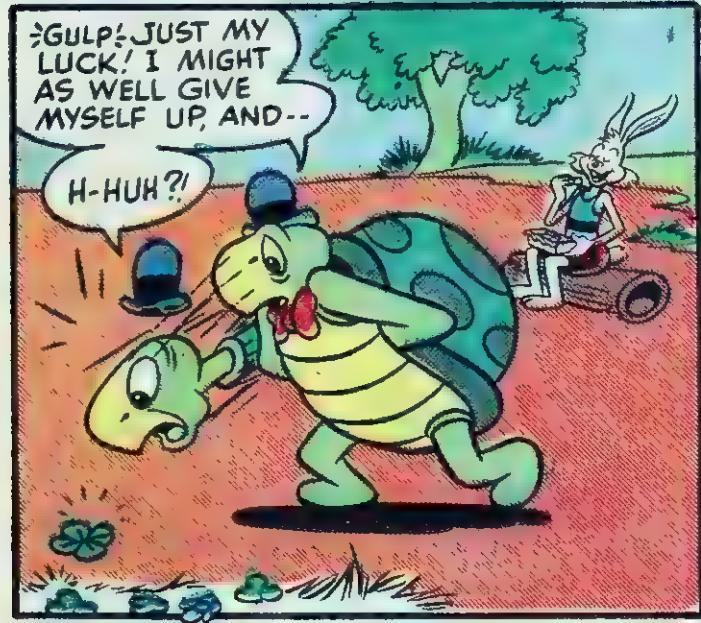


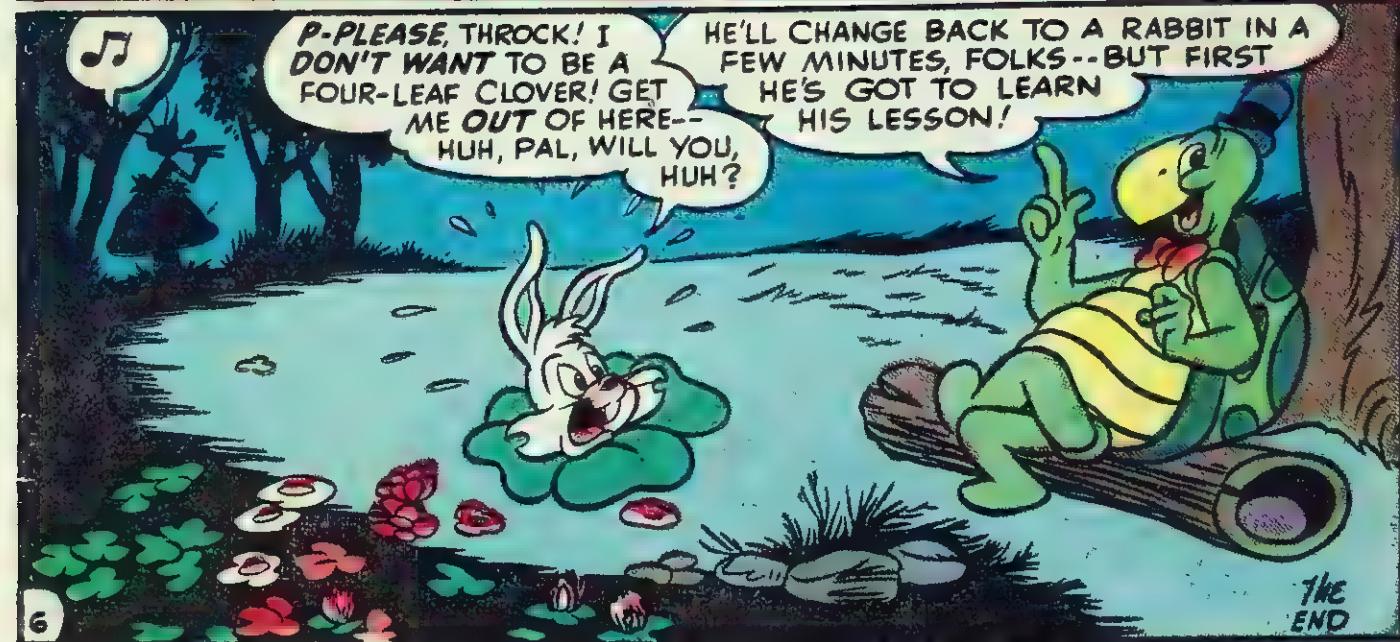
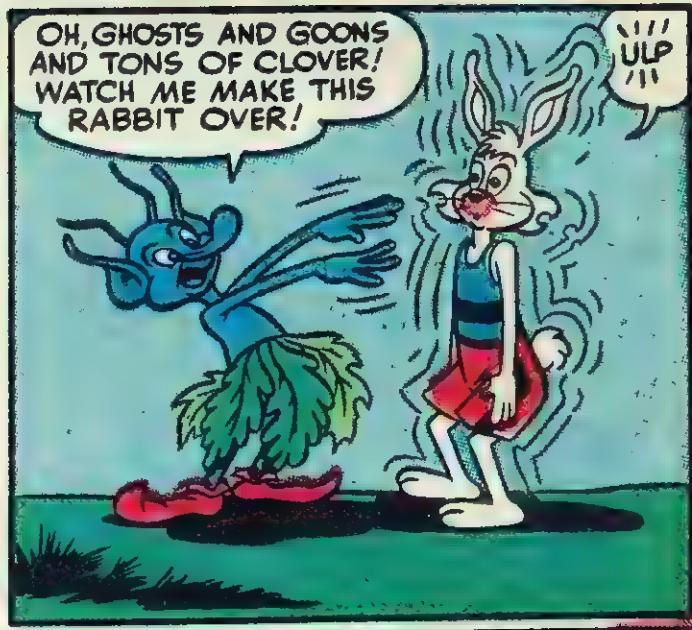
WHAT A STORY! THIS
IS HARRY'S RADIO,
ALL RIGHT! COME
ALONG, YOU
THIEF!

BUT, OFFICER! I
DIDN'T STEAL IT!
A-A LITTLE
ELF GAVE IT
TO ME!



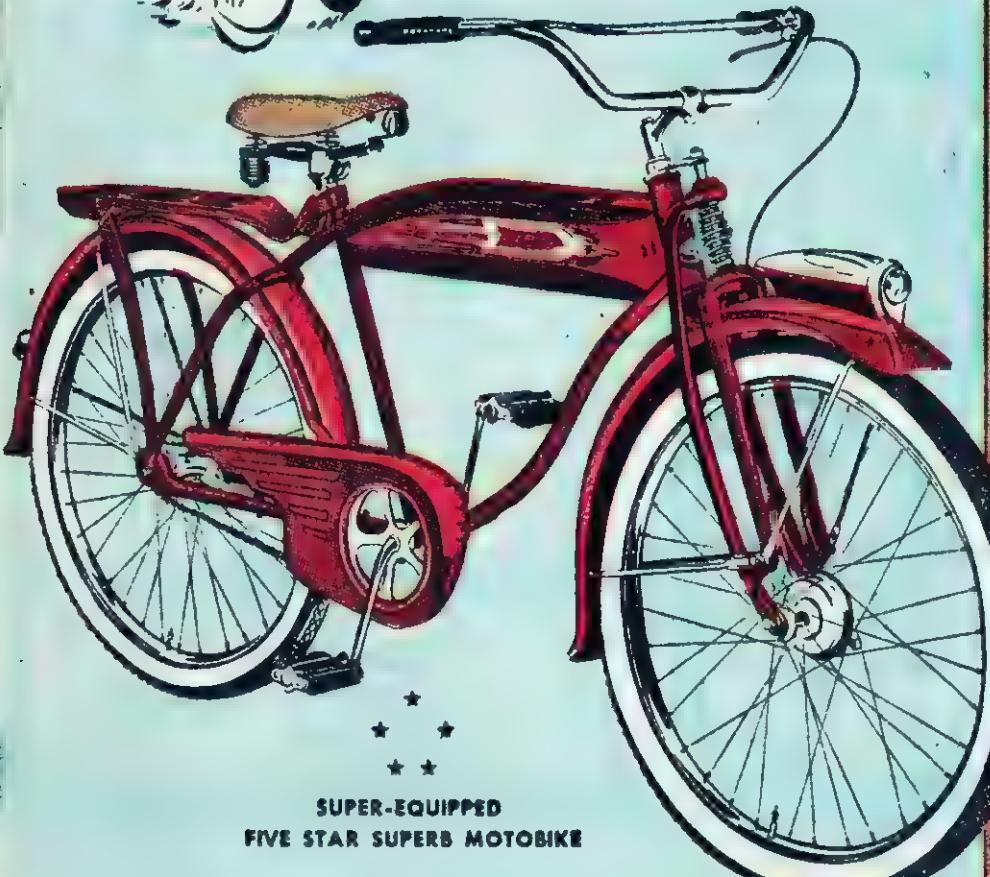








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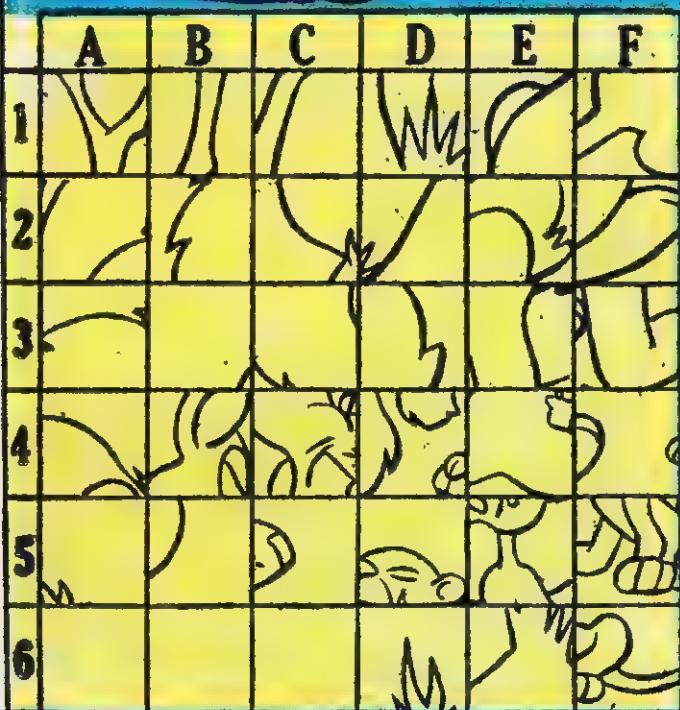


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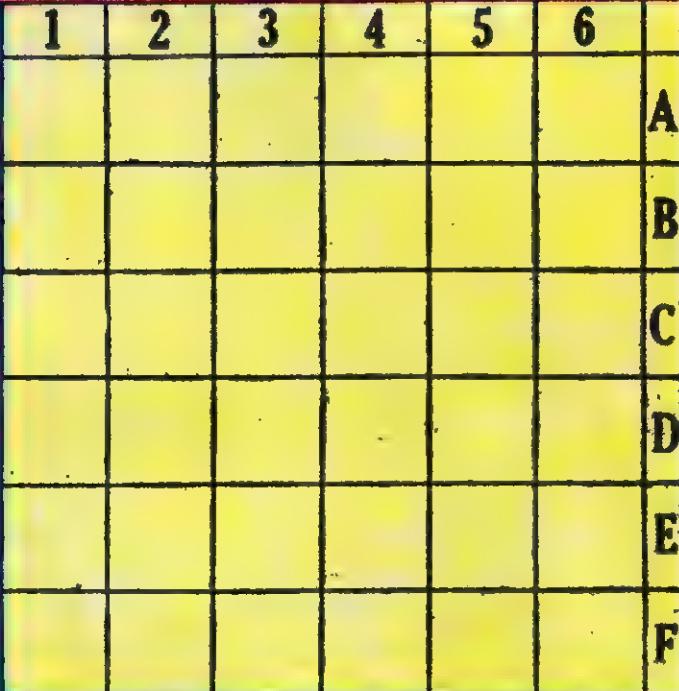


Diagram 2

I DON'T WANNA LEARN TO
ROAR... I JUST WANNA
MEOW!

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PATRICK PARROT'S UNNATURAL HISTORY

TRANSLATED FROM
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WHY THE FLYING FISH CAN FLY

LE'TS spend a day at the seashore for a change!" suggested Roscoe Raccoon.

"Count me out," said Pat Parrot. "There aren't any trees down there, and a bird isn't happy unless he can perch on a tree limb."

"There's one tree at a place I know of!" said Roscoe. "It's right by the water's edge!"

"Well, in that case," piped up Sammy Squirrel, "I'll go along with you! I like to be up in a tree also."

"All right then, I'll go, too!" said Pat. "Which direction is it?"

Roscoe pointed to the south, and Pat flew off. Then Sammy and Roscoe took a path through the jungle and in an hour arrived at the seashore. Pat was already there and, in fact, had been napping for some time on a branch of the tree.

"Nothing like wings to take you places!" said Pat, yawning contentedly.

"Wish I had a pair," Roscoe Raccoon said wistfully, and he scrambled up the tree trunk to Pat's limb.

"Me, too!" said Sammy as he joined Roscoe and Pat. "Running and climbing gets you all out of breath!"

"Don't birds ever get out of breath?" asked Roscoe.

"Never!" replied Pat. "We fly so fast the

air just *rushes* into our lungs! We don't even have to bother to breathe!"

"You're lucky!" said Sammy. "I wish—"

A big splash from the bay interrupted him. Something had leaped out of the water and was streaking toward the tree.

"That's a flying fish!" Pat Parrot announced. "Just look at him soar!"

A second later, the flying fish had reached the tree and circled it.

"How about joining us up here?" Sammy called out to him.

"I'd love to," shouted the flying fish, "but I can only fly! I can't sit on a limb like you people!"

"Well, make believe you're a seesaw!" said Roscoe. "We'll balance you."

"No, thanks!" said the flying fish, gliding away toward the sea. "I'm too full of air now! Got to get back to the water!"

Instantly he dived into the bay with a great splash and was gone.

"Don't say it!" said Pat, as both Sammy and Roscoe opened their mouths to speak. "Save your breath. You want to know why the flying fish can fly!"

"Right!" Sammy and Roscoe said in chorus.

"Well, we have to go back many millions of years to the great-great ancestor of the

flying fish we just saw. He was the first flying fish! His name was Herman Herring.

"Herman was still a very young fish when one day he overheard some other young fishes talking about schools of fish, or schools for fish—he wasn't sure which. So that evening he asked his father:

"'What's a school of fish?'

"'When a great number of fish travel together and go hunting, they are called a school,' explained his father.

"'Can I go to a school?' asked Herman.

"'Of course not!' said his father. 'Only grown-ups go to schools. No children fish are allowed. It's too dangerous for them because they aren't strong enough!'

"Herman didn't like that idea at all. Travelling with a school of fish to strange, new waters seemed like a wonderful adventure to him. He thought of running away from home to join a school, but he didn't want to disobey his father.

"A few weeks later Herman was becoming more and more restless, and he asked his father if he might go to the *next* school.

"'Well,' said his father thoughtfully, 'you *are* a little bigger now . . . I suppose you'd be able to take care of yourself. . . . All right, you may go—but you *must* do *exactly* as I tell you, now! **ALWAYS STAY IN DEEP WATER! DON'T EVER GO NEAR THE SURFACE!**'

"The next day, Herman Herring joined up with a big school of fish. Being smaller than the others, he had to swim awfully hard to keep up with them. In a few hours he became so tired that he forgot his father's warning! He floated to the surface and gulped a mouthful of air!

"Instantly, a sea gull spotted Herman! He swooped down, grabbed him in his beak and flew up into the air. About a hundred feet up, the quick change from the cold water to the warm air made Herman sneeze. The loud KERCHOO! surprised the sea gull so, that he *dropped* Herman!

"'WHEE-E-E!' yelled Herman, as he sped down toward the water. 'This is great

fun!!" And he made a clean dive into the ocean.

"'Say, that was swell!' thought Herman. 'Now I can swim *and* dive! But before I can keep diving I've got to keep getting up into the air. Good, clean air, too—nothing like salt water air!'

"Also, Herman tried swimming near the surface again. Sure enough, the same thing happened. A bird snatched him and brought him high in the air; Herman sneezed; the bird let go; Herman dove into the water.

"As weeks passed by, Herman tried his new trick again and again. Meanwhile, he was growing bigger all the time, and bigger and bigger birds were grabbing him and carrying him higher and higher.

"One day an eagle seized him and carried him straight up for a couple of miles. Herman had purposely postponed sneezing until they were away up, so that he could have a really long trip down. But in a moment he realized it was too late for diving! He was near the eagle's nest on a mountain-top, and below him there was **NOTHING BUT ROCKS!!** He thought it was the end!

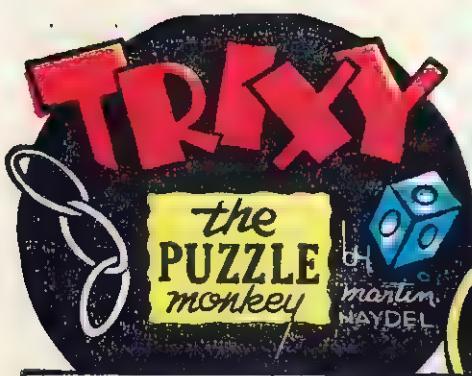
"All of a sudden there was a hearty KERCHOO! The cold mountain air had forced Herman to sneeze, and the astonished eagle opened his mouth. Poor Herman slipped out and began *falling, falling, falling through space, straight towards the rocks!*

"He almost died of fright then and there! But in a flash, he remembered that when *birds fly they spread their wings!* And here he, the little fool, had his fins folded tightly against his body; as he had always done when diving!

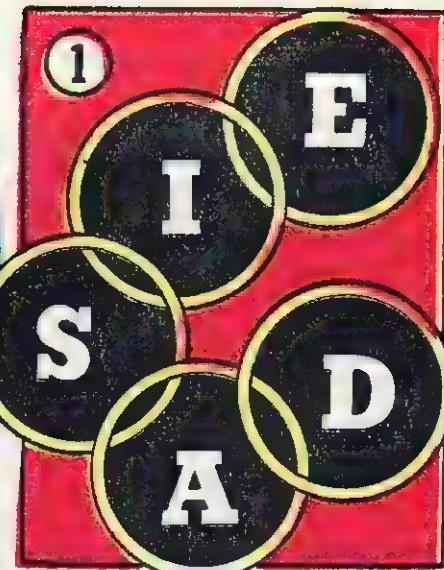
"Immediately, he spread his fins out like a bird's wings, pointed his nose up, and PRESTO! he was gliding through the air with the greatest of ease! *Herman Herring had become the world's first flying fish!*" concluded Pat Parrot.

"Thanks, Pat!" said Sammy Squirrel. "That certainly was a good fish tale!"

"Glad you liked it!" answered Pat, smiling. "It was a good fishy tale, at that!"



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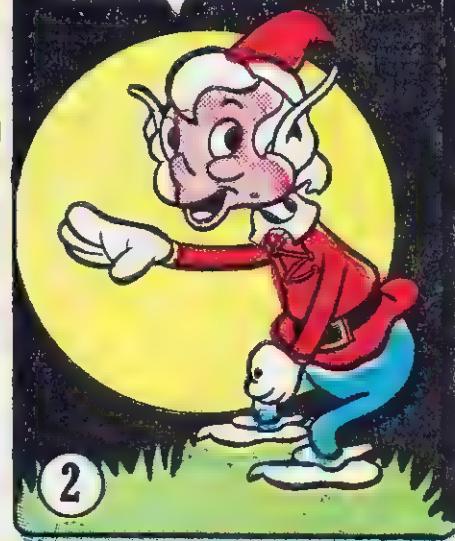


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② TO HER HUSBAND!
① A WIFE - WOULD BE SPEAKING
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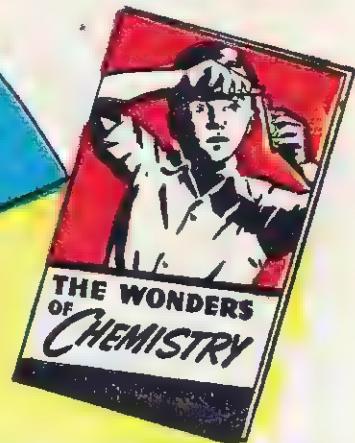
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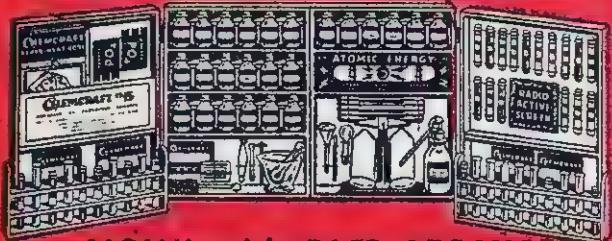
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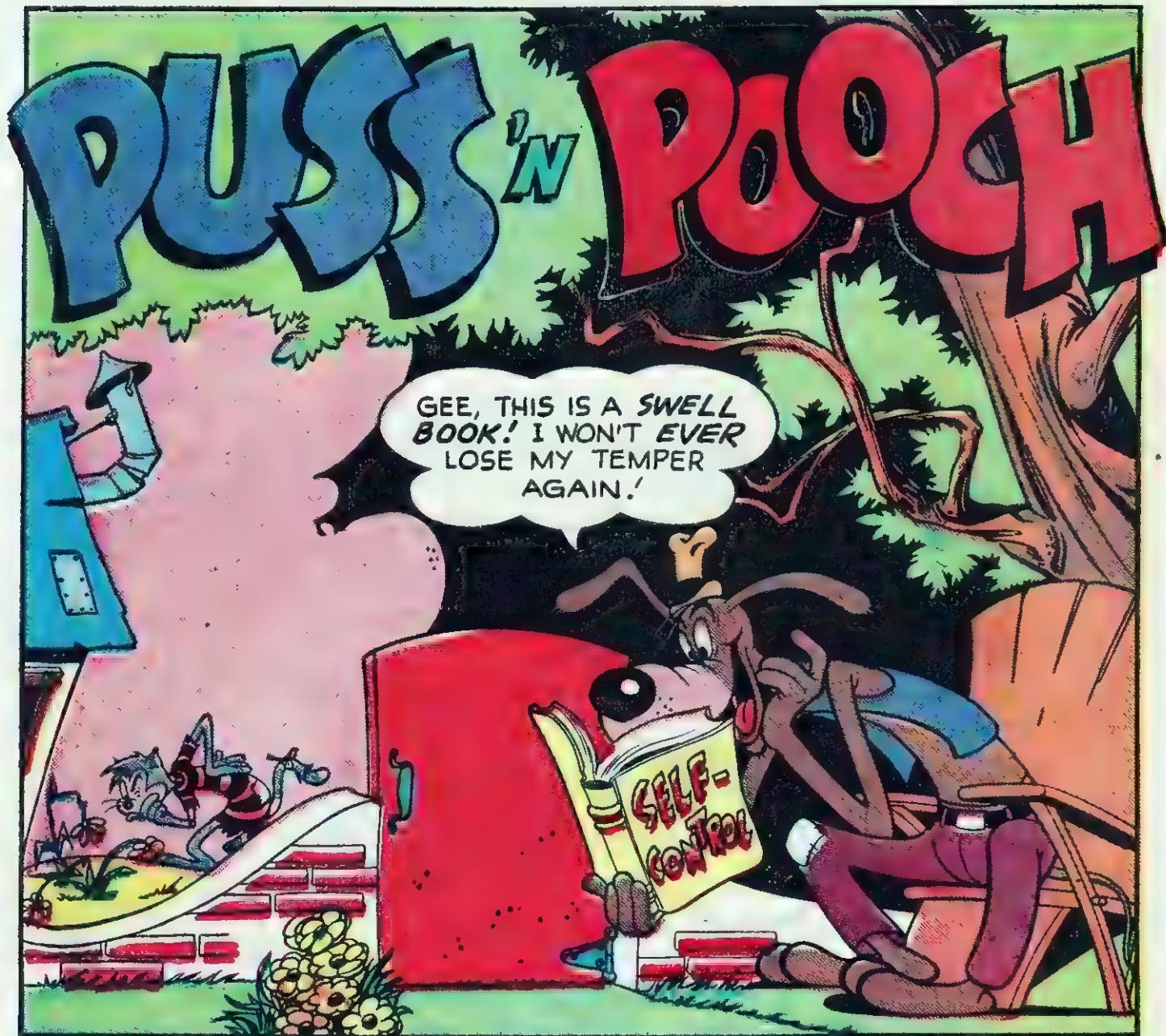


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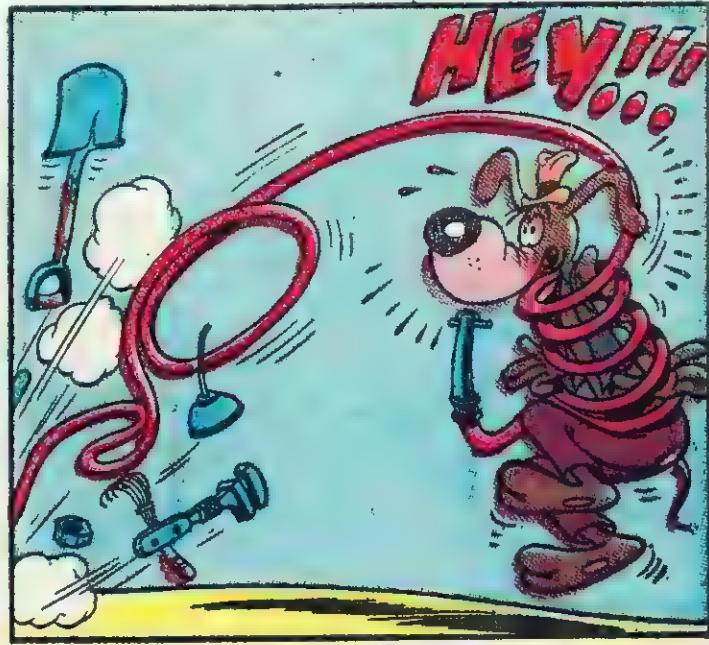
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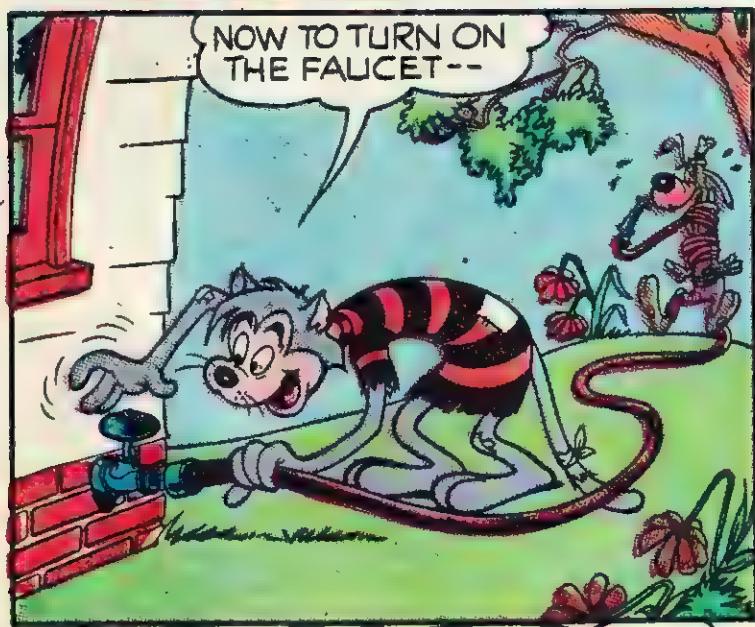
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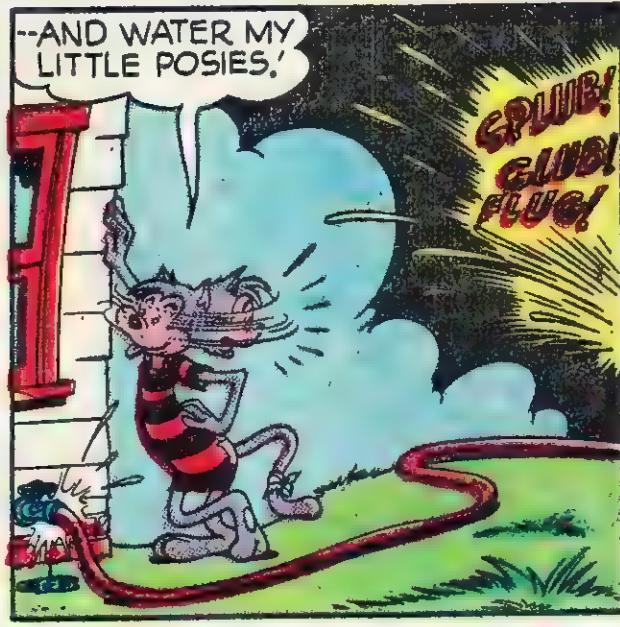
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW! HERE IT IS! THAT'S ALL MY STUFF IN THAT PILE! THIS BORROWING HAS GOT TO STOP!



NOW TO TURN ON THE FAUCET --



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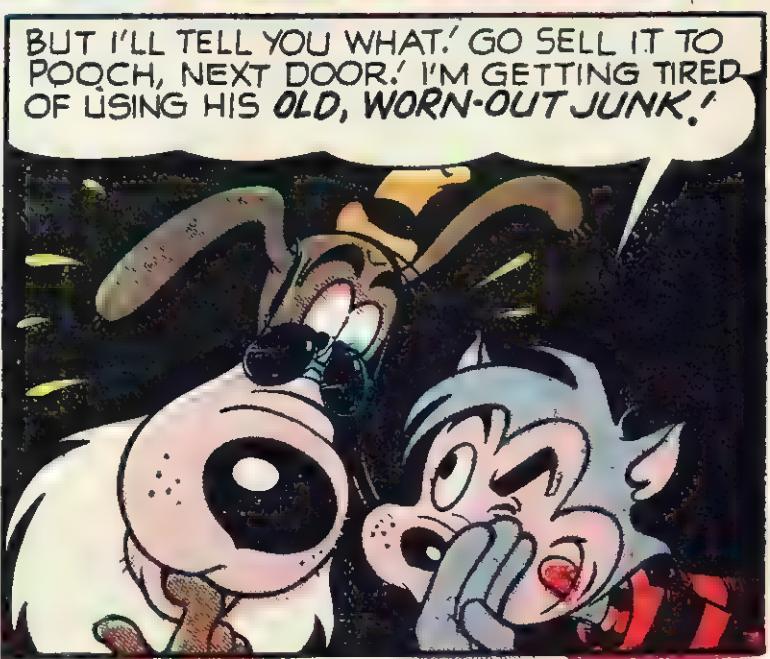
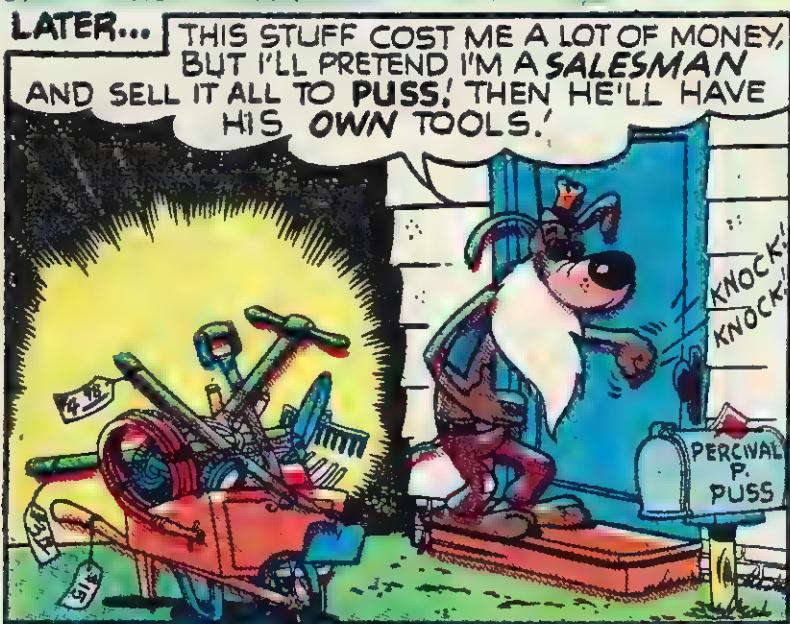


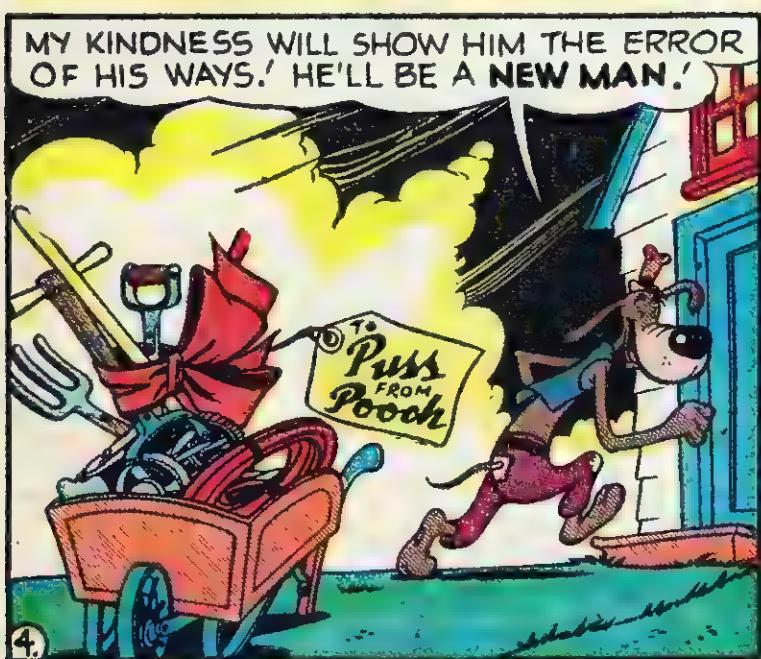
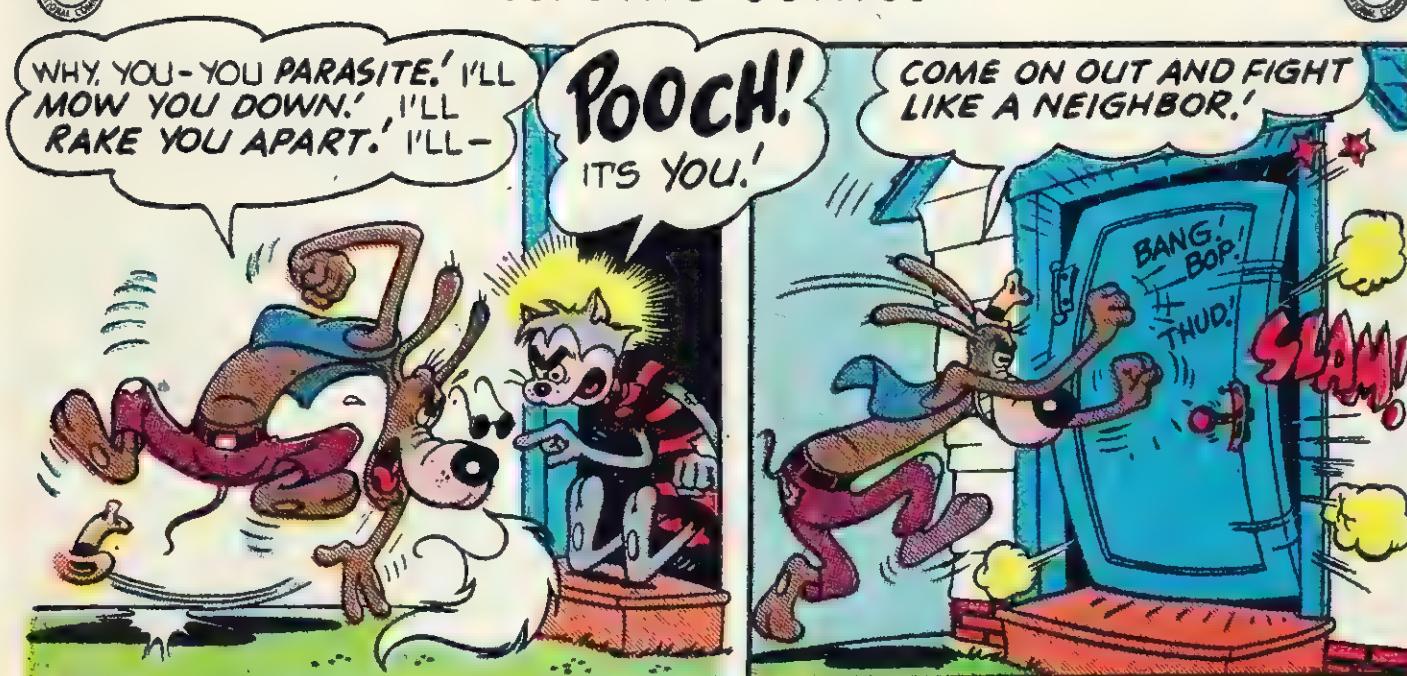
SAYYY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, POOCHIE? GO HOME AND DRINK YOUR OWN WATER!



THE NERVE OF SOME PEOPLE! ALWAYS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF A NEIGHBOR!







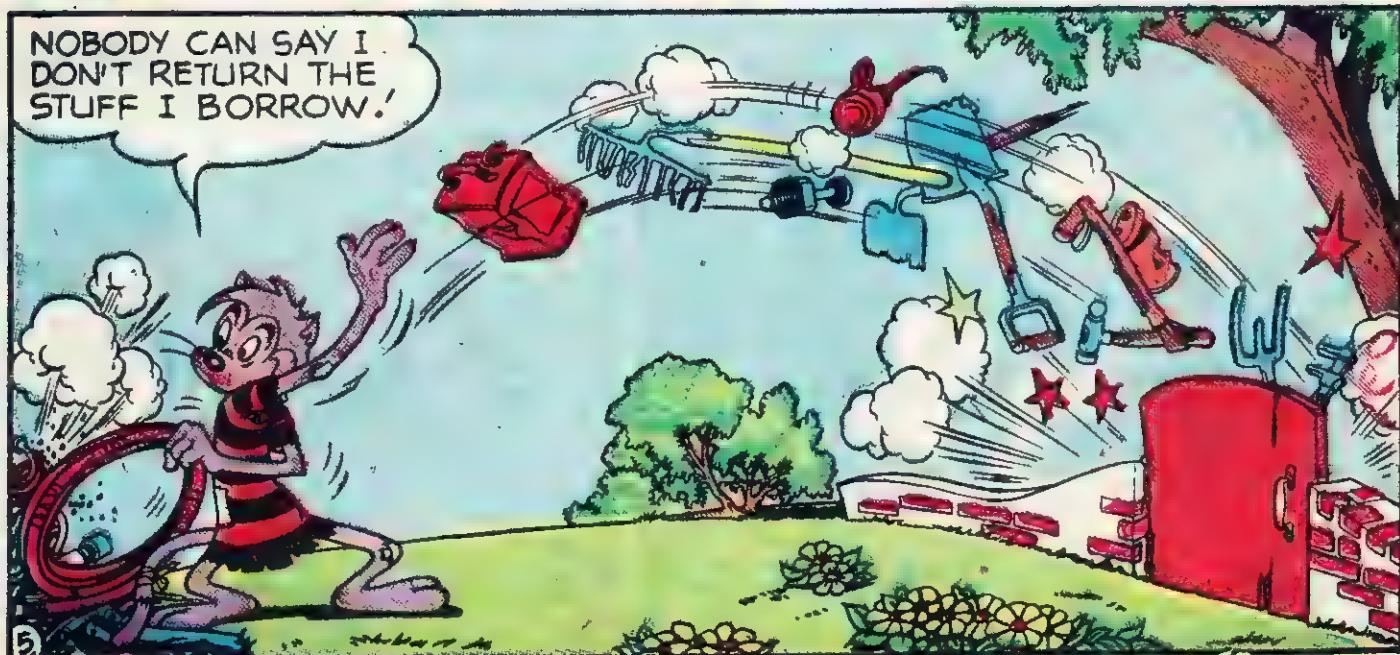
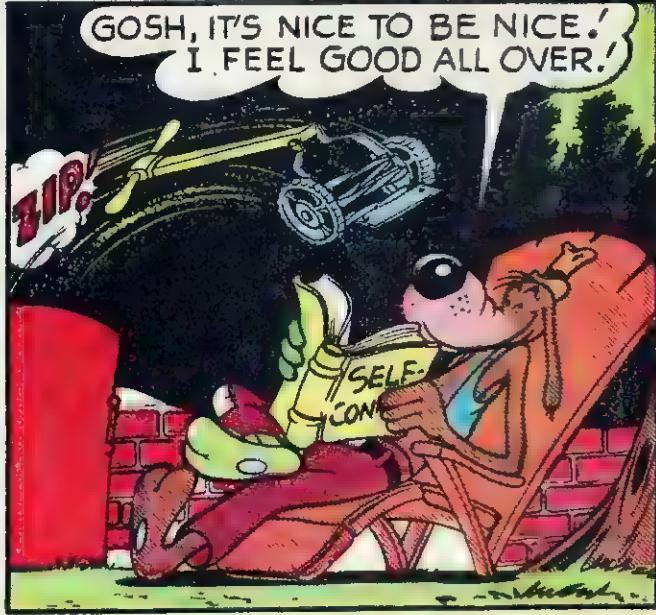


NOW YOU WON'T HAVE TO USE
MY THINGS, PUSS! IT'S VERY
BAD TO BORROW FROM OTHERS
ALL THE TIME, YOU KNOW!

YOU'RE SO
RIGHT, POOCHIE!

OBOY-OBOY-OBOY!
I'M GOING TO TRY
THIS STUFF OUT
RIGHT NOW.

MY PLAN IS
WORKING. PUSS IS A
CHANGED PERSON
ALREADY!





THERE! I'VE DONE MY
GOOD DEED FOR
THE DAY!

KERAC

CLANKS
CLINK

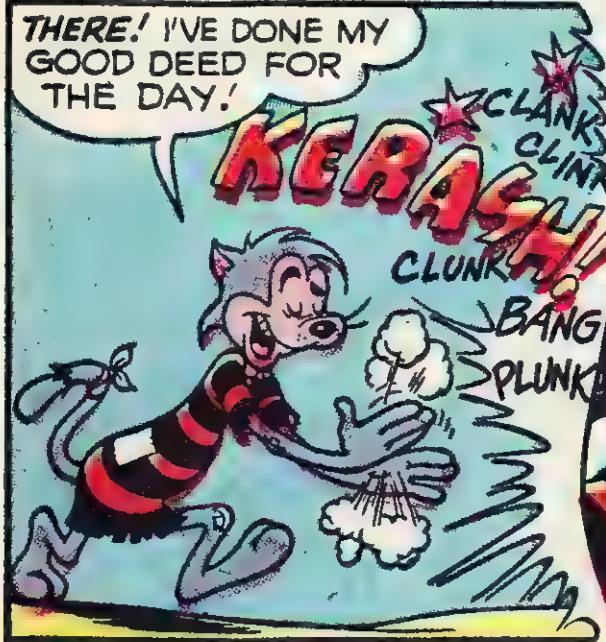
CLUNKS

BANG

PLUNK

SOME PEOPLE PICK THE
CRAZIEST PLACES TO
READ A BOOK!

I MUST BE CALM
...I MUST BE CALM...





WELL, AT LEAST PUSS IS CURED OF THE BORROWING HABIT! I'LL BUY MYSELF ANOTHER SET OF TOOLS, AND THEN WE'LL BOTH BE HAPPY!

SOON

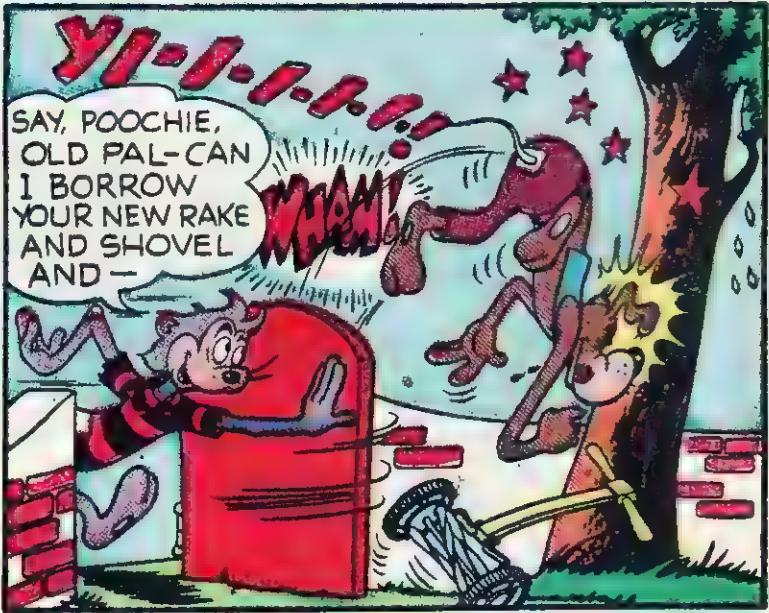
WELL,
WHAT DO
YOU KNOW!



TUM-TUM-TE-YUM ♫
YESSIR! SELF-CONTROL
IS A WONDERFUL THING!



YI-P-I-P-I-P-I-P-I
SAY, POOCHIE,
OLD PAL-CAN
I BORROW
YOUR NEW RAKE
AND SHOVEL
AND —



BORROW MINE?!" WHY DON'T YOU USE
YOUR OWN?

OH, I TOOK MINE
BACK TO THE STORE! NO
SENSE IN MY KEEPING ALL
THAT STUFF WHEN I CAN
BORROW YOUR NEW
TOOLS, YOU KNOW.'



TSK! TSK! SOME FOLKS
JUST DON'T HAVE ANY
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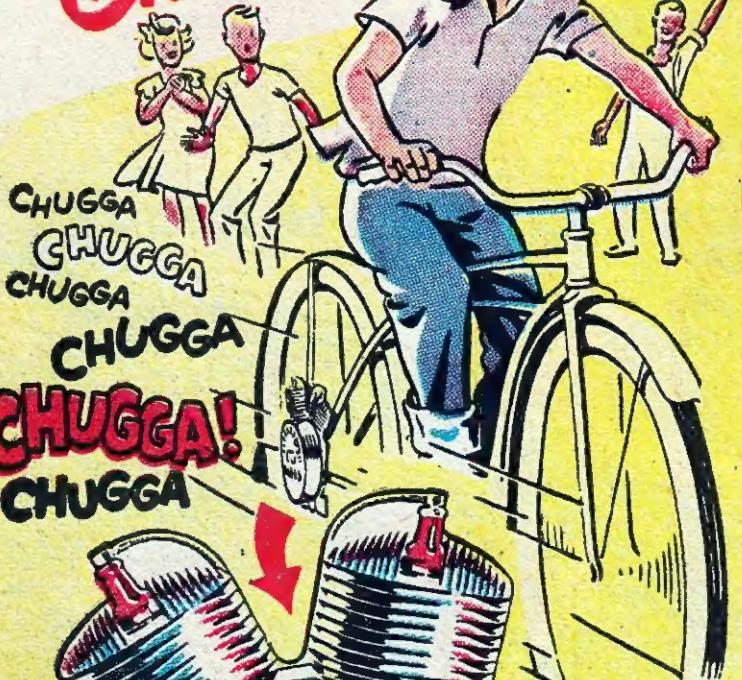
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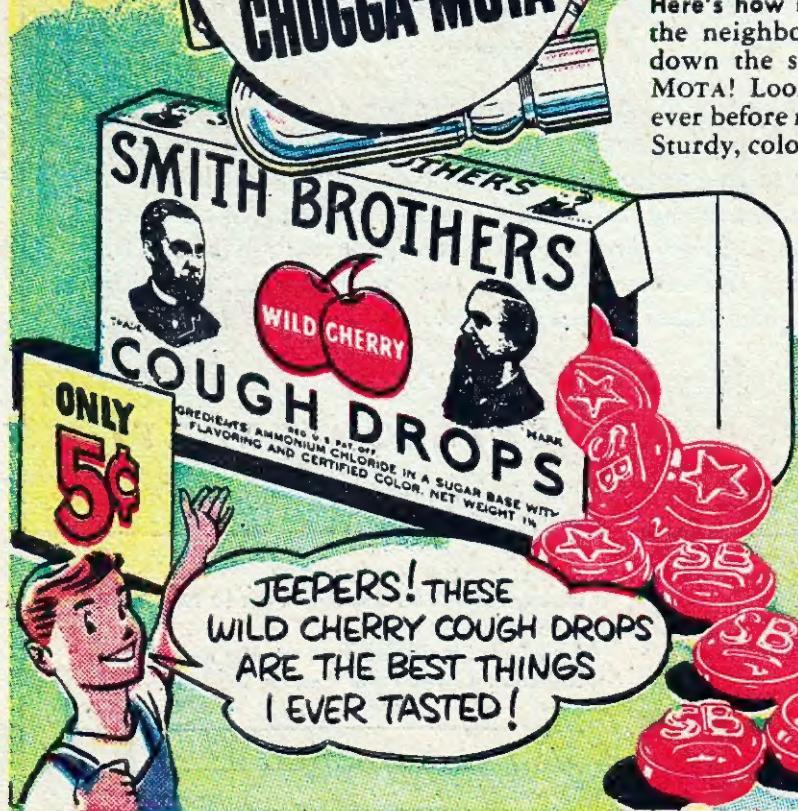
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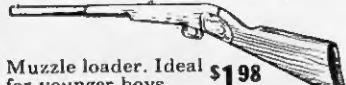
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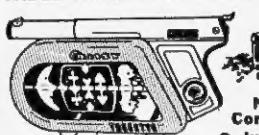
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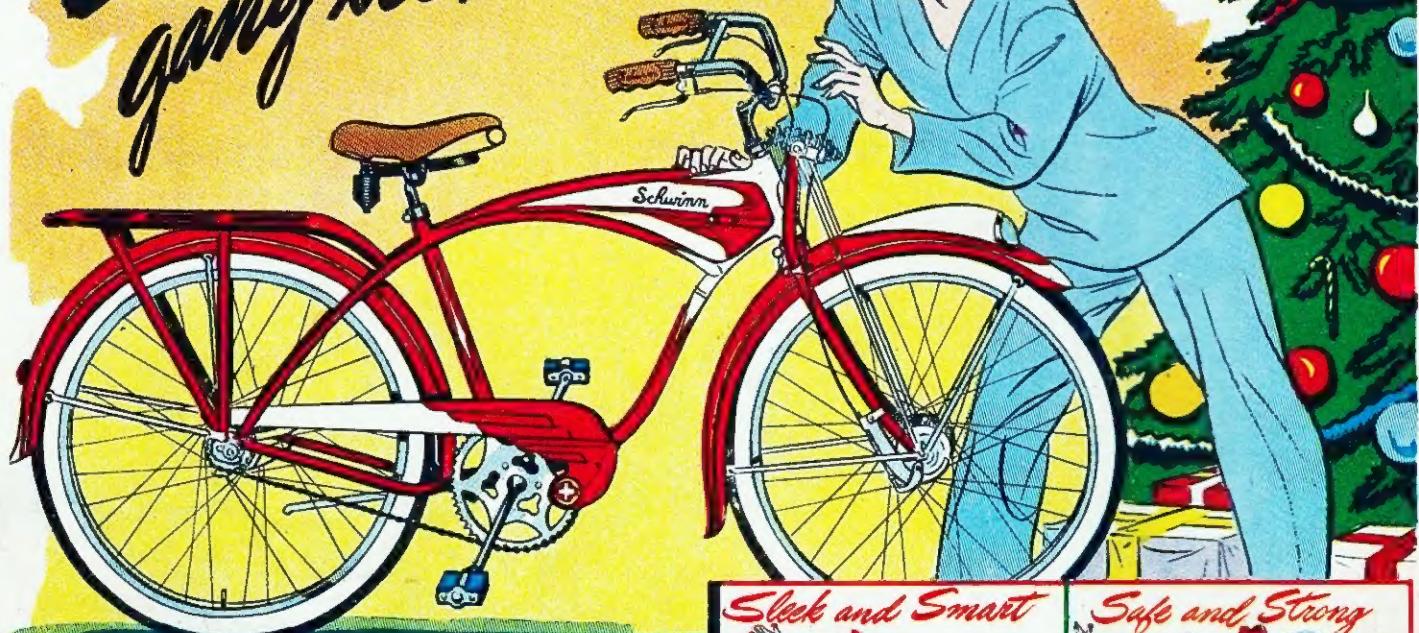
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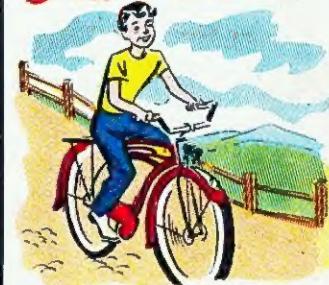
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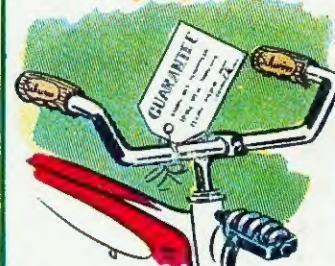
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